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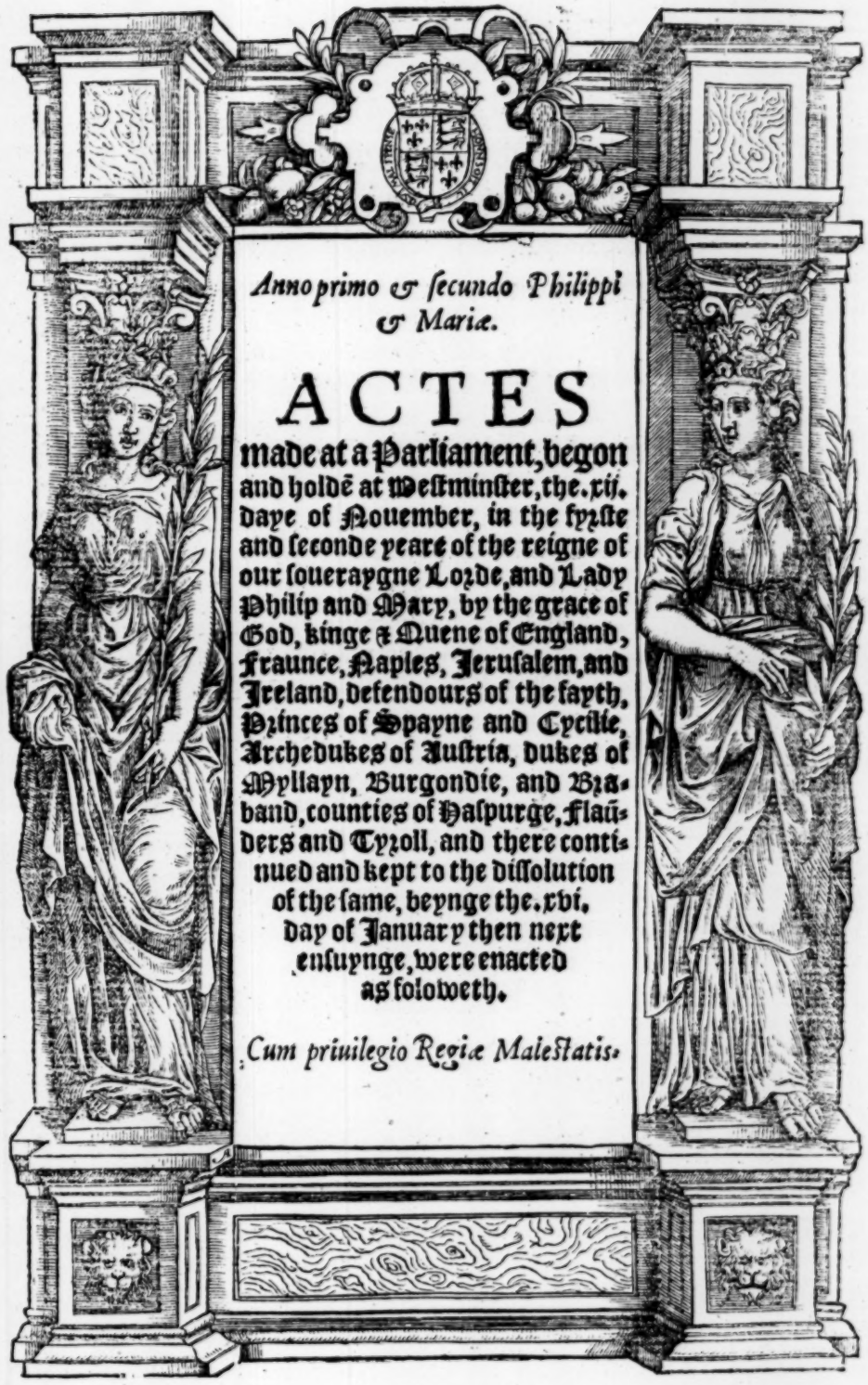

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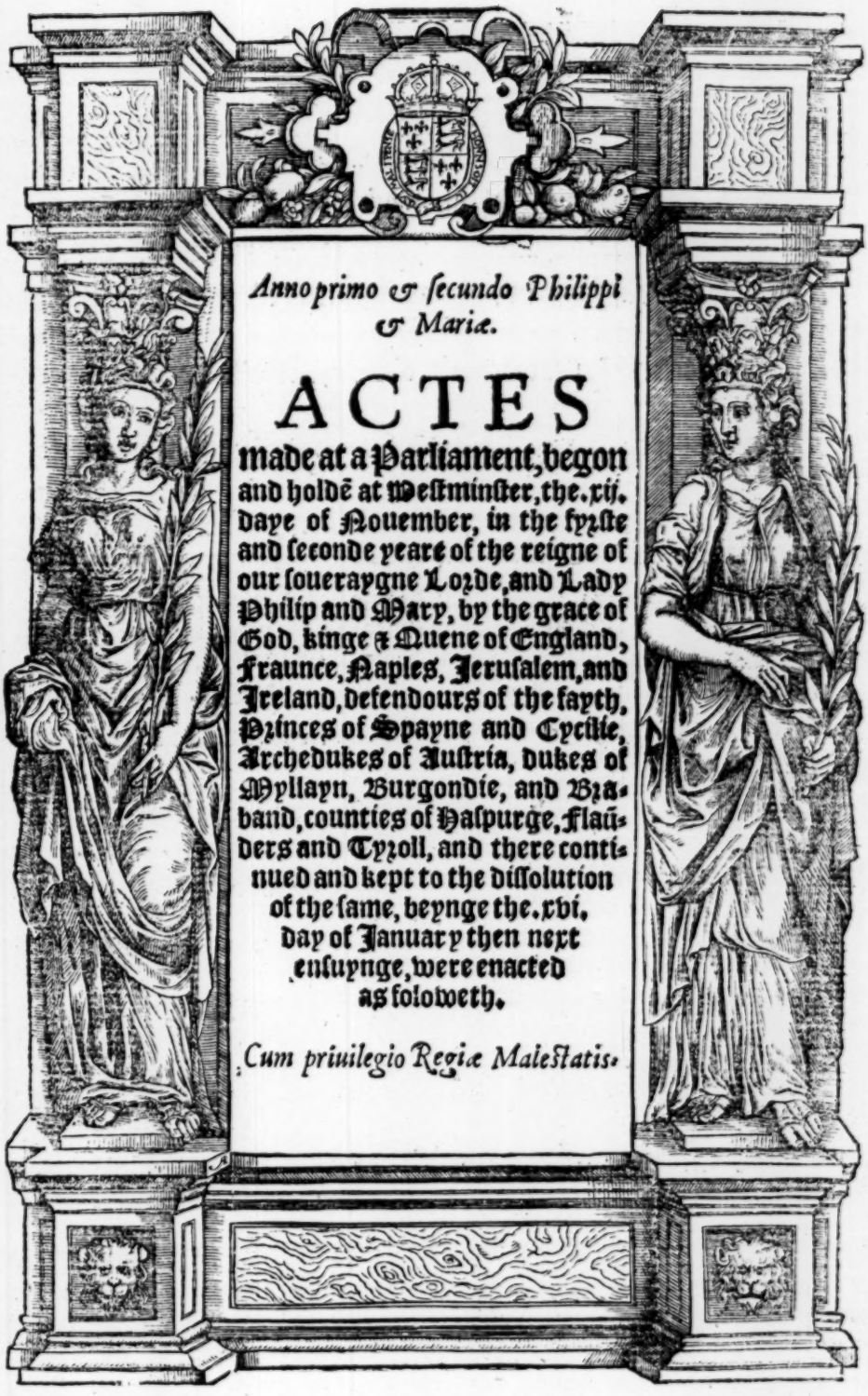

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The first Chapter.

HERE IN THE parliament begon and holden at Westminster, the seconde day of Apryll, in the fyrst yeare of the reygne of our moost dread and gratious Soueraygne Ladye the Queenes maiestie, and there continued and kept, tyll the dissolution of the same, beyng the fyft day of May, then next folowynge, one Acte was made touchynge the articles of her highnes most noble mariage. In the which act amongest other thinges it is enacted, ordred, and establysshed by aucthoritie of the sayd parliament, that all and singuler gyftes, grauntes, letters patentes, eschaunges, confyrmations, leases, and other wrytinges, which after the said marriage, and during the same, shoulde passe, and be made of any benefices, offices, landes, reuenues, and fruites, or of any of them, shoulde be intituled, and made in the names of our Soueraigne Lorde the kyng, and of her moost excellent hyghnes, whether his maiestie shoulde be present within the Realmes and dominions of her highnes, or within any of them, or absent. And that the same giftes, grauntes, letters patentes, eschaunges, confyrmations, leases, and other wrytinges, so sette forth and made, shulde be sealed, and fyrmed with the sygne manuell of her highnes, and the same so signed and sealed with the great seale of this realme, or with suche seale as hath bene accustomed, shuld be by thaucthoritie of the sayd parliament, deemed, adiudged, declared, and pronounced, to be as good, perfect, and of like force, strength, & effecte in the lawe, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, agaynst oure sayd Soueraygne Lorde and Lady, the king and the Queenes maiesties, and her highnesse heyres and Successours, as yf her maiestie had bene at the tyme of the makyng thereof, sole and vnmarryed, and that al giftes, grauntes, letters patentes, eschaunges, confirmations leases, and other wrytinges, whiche after the sayde marryage, and durynge the tyme of the same, shuld passe, and be made of the sayd benefices, offices, landes, reuenues, and fruites, or of any of them, wherunto the signe manuell of her highnesse, shoulde not be sette, made, or put, shalbe by aucthoritie of the sayde parliament, from tyme to tyme, deemed, adiudged, accepted, taken, and decreed, to be of no force, ne effect, but vtterly frustrate and voyde in the lawe, to all intentes, con-

ſtructions, and purpoſes, the ſayd marryage, or any law, vſage or cuſtome to the contrary in any wyſe notwithſtandynge, as by the ſayde Acte more at large doth appeare.

Sythence the makyng of which Statute, and the ſolemniſation of ỹ ſayd marryage, the Queenes mooſt excellent maieſtie hath bene greatly moleſted, greued, & troubled, with often ſigning of letters patentes, gyftes, grauntes, eſchaunges, leaſes, and other wrytynges concerninge and touchinge benefices, offices, landes, reuenues, and fruites, made and graunted by, and from our ſayd ſouerayngne Lorde the kynge, and her hyghneſſe, to ſondry of theyr mooſte louyng ſubiectes, to whome alſo it hath bene, and is, no ſmal charge to attende, vntyll ſuche tyme as they may procure and optayne the ſigne manuel of her highnes, vnto theyr ſayd letters patentes, gyftes grauntes, eſchaunges, confyrmations, and leaſes, without whiche ſigne, the ſame are vtterly voyde, by force of the ſaid Statute, to the great daunger, loſſe, and vtter vndoyng of dyuers perſons, that haue lately bought, purchaſed, or opteyned of our ſayd ſouerayngne Lorde and Lady, the kynge and Quenes maieſties, dyuers landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, to theyr great coſtes and charges.

For remedy wherof, be it enacted by the auctoritie of this preſent parliament, that the ſayd braunche and article, touchinge, or concernyng onely the ſigning of lettres patentes, gyftes, grauntes, eſchaũges confirmations, leaſes, or of other wrytinges, for any landes, benefices, offices, reuenues, fruictes, or other hereditamentes, ſhalbe from henceforth clerely repelled, and made fruſtrate, and voyde, to al intentes, and purpoſes.

And be it further enacted by auctoritie of this preſent parliament, that all, and ſyngular lettres patentes, touchinge, or concernyng any gyfte, graunt, eſchaunge, confirmation, leaſe, or other wrytynge, the whiche ſythence the ſayde marriage, hath paſſed, and be made of any benefices, offices, manours, landes, tenementes, reuenues, fruytes, liberties, or other hereditamentes, or of any of them, in the names of our mooſt dread Souerayngne Lorde and Ladye, the kynge and the Quenes maieſties (the warraunt or wryting, or warrauntes or wrytinges wherof beyng ſigned with her highnes ſigne manuell, in ſuch fourme, ordre, and degree, as the ſame heretofore haue ben accuſtomed to be ſigned, when her highnes was ſole, and vnmarried) ſhalbe by auctoritie of this preſent parliament, of the ſame lyke force, ſtrengthe, and effect in the law, to all intentes, conſtructions, and purpoſes, as yf the ſame were, or had ben ſigned by her highnes ſigne manuell, and as if her maieſtie had ben at the tyme of the makyng therof ſole and vnmarryed, and as they were before the makynge of the ſayde acte. The ſayd eſtatute, or any braunche, or article therin conteyned to the contrary in any wyſe, notwithſtandyng.

An Acte for the reformation of excesse in apparell.

The.ij. Chapiter.

BEIT enacted by thaucthoritie of this present Parliamēt, that no person borne within this realme, or the dominions of the same, other then the sonne, & heyre apparaunt of a knight, or other then suche, as maye dispende.xx.li.by the yeare in landes, offices, fees, or other yearelye reuenues for terme of lyfe, or be worthe in goodes.ij.C.li.shall after the fyrste daye of Apryll nexte comming, weare anye maner of sylke, in, or vpon hys hatte, bonette, night cappe, girdle, skabarde, hoose, shoes, or spurre lethers, vpon payne of three monethes imprisonment, and forfayture of.x.li.for euery dayes wearyng, contrary to the tenour of this acte.

AND be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayd, that Justices of Assises in their circuites, Justices of peace in their sessions, Shiriffes in their turnes, Stewardes in letes and lawe dayes, Maiors, Shiriffes, and Bayliffes of cities, Boroughes, and townes corporate in their courtes, shall, and maye enquire, heare, and determine from time to time, all, and euerye the sayd offences, committed, or done wythin the limittes of theyr seuerall iurisdictions, and aucthorities, and where any suche forfaytures shall happen to be founde wythin the precincte of anye citie, boroughe, towne corporate, lete, or lawe daye, then the Maior, Shiriffes, & Baylyffes of the sayd cities, boroughes, and townes, and owner of the sayde lete or lawe dayes, to haue the one moytie of the sayd forfaytures, and thother moytie to be to anye subiect of this realme, that wil sue for the same in any courte of recorde by action, information, byll, or otherwise, in whiche no wager of lawe, protection, or assoigne shalbe allowed. And where suche forfayture shalbe founde oute of any citie, boroughe, towne, lete, or lawe daye, that the moytie of all suche forfaytures shalbe to the kyng & Queenes maiesties, and the heyres of the Queene, and thother moytie thereof to any of their subiectes, that wyll sue for the same by byll, playnte, action, information, or otherwise in any courte of recorde, as is aforesaid, in the whych no wager of lawe, protection, or essoigne shalbe admitted or allowed. And that all, and euery such person & persons, as haue aucthoritie by vertue of this Acte, to heare and determine the premisses, may vpon the conuiction of euery suche offender, awarde processe vnto the Shiriffe of anye shire wythin this realme for the apprehension of the sayd offendour, whyche beyng apprehended, shalbe committed by the shiriffe vnto the gaole of the sayd shire, there to remayne wythout bayle or maynpryse, vntyll the sayd offendoure hathe payde the sayd forfayture, wherin he is so conuicted.

AND be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that yf any person or persons, of what estate, condicion, or degree soeuer he or they be, after the sayd fyrst daye of April next comming, knowyng any seruaunte or seruauntes of hys or theirs, to offende contrarie to this acte, do not putte the same out of hys or their seruice, but shal kepe in hys or their seruice the same offendoure or offendours by the space of xiiij. dayes, next after suche knowledge had, or elles beyng so put out of hys or their seruice, shall reteyne the same offendour or offendours to hys or their seruice agayne within one yeare next ensuing the time of commutting of any suche offence, the same person or persons, so kepyng or reteyning agayne, in, or to his or their seruice anye suche seruaunte or seruauntes, offendyng contrary to the tenoure of thys acte, as is aforesayd, shal for euery his or their offence forfayte. C. li. of lawfull moneye of Englande, the moytie whereof to be to the kynge and Queenes maiesties vse, and the heyres & successours of the Queene, and the other moytie to hym, that wyll sue for the same in any courte of recorde, by action, bill, playnte, information, or otherwyse wherin no wager of lawe, essoygne, or protection shalbe admitted or allowed.

PROVIDED alwaye, and be it enacted, that thys acte, or any thyng therin conteyned, shall not extende to any person, beynge of, or aboue the degree of a knightes sonne, or doughter, or beinge wyfe to anye of them, nor to suche as haue bene be, or shalbe Maior, Bayliffe, Alderman, or head officer in any citie, borought, or towne corporate, or to the wyfe of any of them, nor to anye of the kinges or Queenes seruauntes in ordinarie wages attendaunt, and wearyng the kynges or Queenes ordinarie liueries, but that they, and euery of them, may vse, and weare as they, or any of them might lawfullye vse and weare, before the makyng of this acte.

PROVIDED also, that no person shalbe compelled by this acte, to put awaye his prentise or hyred seruaunt before thende of the terme before agreed betwene thē, nor that any mayster shall forfayte or loose any payne or forfayture for the keping of his prentise or hyred seruaūt after hys offence, contrarie to this acte, vnto thende of the terme before agreed betwene them. Anye thyng abouesayde to the contrarye, notwythstandyng.

PROVIDED also, that women may weare in theyr cappes, hattes, gyrdels, and hoodes, as they, or anye of them myghte vse and weare lawfully before the makyng of thys acte.

¶ An Acte agaynst sedicious wordes and rumors.

The. iij. Chapiter.

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WHERE it is contained, as wel in the Statute of Westm. the firste, as in the Statute made at Glouceſter the ſeconde yeare of the raygne of kynge Richarde the ſeconde, ꝑ no man ſhuld be ſo hardye, to contryue, ſpeake, or tell anye falſe newes, lyes, or other ſuche lyke falſe thynges of Prelates, Dukes, Earles, Barons, and other nobles & Peares of the realme, or of the Chauncelour, Treaſurer, Clerke of the priuie ſeale, Stewarde of the kinges houſholde, Juſtice of the one bancke, or of thother, or of anye other great officers of this Realme. And that euery ſuche offendour ſhulde be taken, and impriſoned, vntil ſuche time, as he had brought him or them forth, which did ſpeake the ſame. And where alſo at a Parliament holden at Cambridge, in the. xij. yeare of the raygne of the ſayde kynge Richarde, it was alſo enacted, that where anye ſuche offendour, as is aforeſayde, ſhulde be taken and impriſoned, and coulde not fynde him, of whome he hearde thoſe newes, whiche he ſpake, as is aforeſayd, that then the ſame ſpeaker ſhoulde be puniſhed by thaduice of the counſell, as by the ſame Actes amongeſt other more playnlye doe, and maye appeare.

BE IT enacted by thauctoritie of this preſente Parliament, that all, and euerye the ſayde former Actes and Statutes ſhall be, and remayne in their full force, ſtrengthe, and effecte, to al intentes, conſtructions, and purpoſes. And further, that Juſtices of the peace in euerye Shire, citie, and towne corporate, within the limittes of their ſeuerall commiſſions, ſhall by auctoritie of this preſent Acte, haue full power to examen, heare, and determine the cauſes aboueſayde, in the ſayde two firſt Actes ſpecified, and to put the ſayd two firſt Statutes, and euerye braunche in them conteined in due execution, that from henceforth condigne puniſhment be not deferred from ſuche offendours.

AND foraſmuche as diuerſe and ſondrye malicious and euil diſpoſed perſons maliciouſlye, ſediciouſlye, rebelliouſlye, and vnnaturally, contrary to the duetie of their fidelities and allegiaunces, haue nowe of late not onelye ymagined, inuented, practized, ſpoken, and ſpredde abroade diuerſe & ſondrie falſe, ſedicious, and ſlaunderous newes, rumors, ſayinges, and tales, againſte oure mooſte dreade Soueraygne Lorde and kyng, and againſte oure moſt naturall Soueraygne Ladye and Queene, and againſte eyther of them, of whome we are forbidden to thinke euyll, and muche more to ſpeake euyll, whiche offence ſoundeth, and is as well to the greate diſhonoure, reproche, and ſclaunder of their moſt excellent Maieſties, as alſo to the great ſclaunder of this their realme, and other their dominions, but alſo haue deuiſed, made, wrytten, prynted, publiſhed, and ſet forth diuerſe haynous, ſedicious, and ſlaunderous wrytynges, rymes, ballades, letters, papers, and bookes, intending and practiſynge therby to moue and ſtirre ſedicions, diſcorde, diſcention, & rebellion within this realme, to the great

perill and daunger of the same.

FOR auoydyng whereof, be it enacted by thauctthoritie of this present Parliament, that yf anye person or persons, after the .xx. daye of Febriorye next ensuing, and after open Proclamation made of this Acte, shall maliciouslye, of his or their ymagination, speake anye false sedicious, & slaunderous newes, rumors, sayinges, or tales of our sayd Soueraigne Lord & King, or of our sayd most natural Soueraygne Lady & Queene, that then al & euery such person and persons so offendyng, being thereof conuicte or attaynted, in forme hereafter, in this Acte expressed, shall for euerye firste offence, in some markette place, within the Shire, Citie, or Borough, where, or neare vnto the place, where the sayd wordes were or shalbe so spoken, be sette openly vpon the pillorie, by ye Shiriffe or his ministers, yf it shal fortune to be without anye citie, or towne corporate. And yf it happen to be within suche citie or towne corporate, then by the principal officer or officers of such citie or towne corporate, or his or their ministers, and there to haue both his eares cutte of, onlesse he paye one hundreth poundes to the King and Queenes highnes vse, with in one moneth next after iudgemente giuen of his sayde offence, and also shal suffer imprisonment by the space of three monethes, after suche his or their execution.

And it is likewise enacted by thauctthoritie aforesayde, that all, and euerye person & persons, whiche after the sayde daye, and after Proclamation made of this Acte, shall maliciouslye speake anye false, sedicious, and slaunderous newes, rumors, or tales, to the sclaunder and reproche of our sayd Soueraygne Lord the Kynge, or of our sayde moste naturall Soueraygne Ladye the Queene, of the speakynge or reportyng of anye other, that then all, and euerye suche person or persons so speakyng and reporting, being thereof conuicte or attaynted, in forme hereafter, in this acte expressed, shall for euerye suche offence in some market place, within the shire, citie, borough, or towne, where, or neare vnto the place, where the sayd wordes were, or shalbe so spoken & reported, be set openly vpon ye pillorie by the shiriffe or his ministers, yf it shal fortune to be without any citie or towne corporate. And yf it shal happen to be within such citie or towne corporate, then by the principal officer or officers of suche citie or towne corporate, or his, or their ministers, and there to haue one of his eares cut of, onlesse he pay one hundreth markes to the kynges & Queenes highnes vse, within one moneth nexte after iudgement giuen of his sayd offence, and also shall suffer imprisonment by the space of one moneth after his or their execution.

And be it further enacted by thauctthoritie aforesayd, that yf anye person or persons shall after the sayd daye, and after Proclamation made, as is aforesayd, maliciouslie deuise, write, prynte, or set forth any maner of booke, ryme, ballade, lettre, or wrytyng, conteynynge anye

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falſe matter, clauſe, or ſentence of ſclaunder, reproche, and diſhonoure of the king & Queenes maieſties, or of eyther of them, or to the encouragyng, ſturryng, or mouyng of anye inſurrection or rebellion within this realme, or any the dominions belonging to the ſame. Or whoſoeuer ſhall malicioullye procure anye ſuche booke, ryme, ballade, letter, or writing to be written, prynted, or ſet forth (and the ſayd offence not being puniſhable by the Statute, made in the .xxv. yeat of the raygne of king Edward the thyrd, concerning treaſons, or declaration of treaſon) that then, and in euerye ſuch caſe, the offender and offenders therin, after hys or their conuiction or attaynder, ſhall for his or theyr fyrſt offence, in ſome market place, within the ſhire, citie, or borough, where the ſayd offence, is, or ſhalbe committed or done, by the ſhiriffe, or hys mminiſters, yf it ſhall fortune to be wythoute anye citie, or towne corporate, and yf wythin ſuche citie or towne corporate, then by the principal officer, or officers of ſuch citie or towne corporate, or by his or their miniſters, haue his and their right hande ſtryken of.

And be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforeſayde, that yf anye perſon or perſons, being once lawfullye conuicted of any of thoffences aforeſayde, nowe prouided to be puniſhed by the execution of loſſes of eare, eares, or hande, as is aforeſayd, do afterwardes, eftſones offend in anye of thoffences aforeſayde, that then he or they ſo offendynge, ſhall ſuffer impriſonment, durynge hys or theyr lyues, wythoute bayle or maynprize, and forfeyte & looſe to the king and Queenes maieſties, al his and their goodes and cattelles.

And it is alſo enacted by thaucthoritie aforeſayde, that Juſtices of oyer & determiner, within the limittes of their commiſſion, Juſtices of aſſiſe in their ſeuerall circuites, Juſtices of gaole deliuery, and Juſtices of peace, as well within the liberties as without, within the limittes of their ſeuerall commiſſions, in their general ſeſſions, or other ſeſſions, which they or two of them, whereof one of them to be of the *Quorum*, maye, and ſhall appoynte at theyr pleaſure, where, and when nede ſhall require, & ſhal by vertue hereof haue full power and aucthoritie to enquire, heare, and determine, all, and euery thoffences aforeſayd, as in caſes and triall of felonye. And that the partie indicted and arrayned, ſhall haue aduauntage of all maner of chalenges to the Jurye (peremptorye chalenge only excepte) as in triall of felonye.

And alſo that euerye Juſtice of peace within the limittes of his commiſſion ſhal haue ful power and aucthoritie to committe anye perſon, being vehementlye ſuſpected of any of the ſayd offences, to ward, there to remayne without bayle or maynprize, vntyl he ſhalbe deliuered, accordyng to thys Acte.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforeſayde, that no maner of perſon or perſons ſhalbe moleſted, or impeched for anye of thoffences, concernyng ſpeaking, or reporting, as is aforeſayd, onleſſe

onlesse he or they be thereof accused and conuicted within three monethes, nexte after his or their sayde offence so committed or done. And in case anye person shalbe imprisoned for anye of the sayde offences, concernyng speakynge or reportyng, and not thereof conuicted, within three monethes, next after his offence supposed to be by hym done and committed, that then the person so imprisoned shalbe set at libertie, and no lenger deteyned in prison.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by aucthoritie aforesayd, that euerye suche Maiour, or Maiours, Bayliffes, and other heade officer and officers of cities, boroughes, and townes corporate, whiche haue, or hereafter shall haue iurisdiction and aucthoritie, within the seuerall limittes of their office or offices, to holde and kepe sessions, as Iustice or Iustices of the peace shal, and may by aucthoritie hereof, as wel areste and committe to warde, all, & euerye person and persons, being vehemently suspected of anye of thoffences aforesayde, as also to procede to the execution, hearing, and determining of euery the sayd offences, and to see, and make due execution thereof, accordyng to the purporte, meanyng, and effecte of this presente Acte. Anye thynge in the same acte heretofore made to the contrarye notwythstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, that the sayd Iustice of peace, as well within liberties as wythoute, the which shall for anye the offences aforesayd, committe anye person or persons to warde, as is aforesayd, shal within tenne dayes, nexte after suche committing, with one other Iustice, whereof one of them to be of the *Quorum*, directe their precepte to the Shiriffe or Shiriffes of the countie, where thoffence shalbe committed, or to other ordinarye officer, yf it be within any citie, or towne corporate, where the Shiriffe can not intrompte, commaunding hym or them by the same to impanell and returne, as they shall assigne. xxiij. good and lawful men of his or their baylywyke or baylywykes, to enquire of the sayde offence or offences the whiche anye suche person or persons shalbe so imprysoned for. And therevpon wythin one moneth after the date of the sayd precepte, to procede and determine, as aboue is expressed. Euerye one of the same Iustices, vpon the payne of. x. li. to be payed to the kyng & Queenes highnesses, as often as they shalbe founde in defaulte of anye the same.

Prouided also, and be it enacted, that this Acte shalbe proclaymed in all the shyres within this realme, before the. xij. daye of Februarye next comming, to thintente that all persons maye haue notice thereof, and auoyde the peryll and daunger, that mighte ensue by offendyng agaynst the same. And this Acte to be onlye in force, vntyll the ende of the next Parliament, and no longer.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayde, that none of the peares of this realme shalbe arested or imprisoned for anye of the sayde offences, but onelye by order or commaundemente,

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gyuen from the kyng and Quenes prime counsayle, or of the heyres of the Queene, and that the sayd peares, and euery of them, that shal hereafter fortune to be indicted of any the offences aforesaid, shalbe tried by their peares, as before hath ben accustomed in caces of treason or fellonie.

¶ An Acte for the punyshment of certayne persons callynge themselues Egyptians.

¶ The. iiii. Chapter.

Where in a parliamente holden at Westminster in the. xxii. yeare of the reigne of our late Soueraigne Lorde kynge Henry theyght (for the auoyding and banyshynge oute of this realme of certayne outlandishe people, callinge themselues Egiptians, vsinge no crafte nor feate of marchaundises for to lyue by, but going from place to place, in great companies, vsyng great, suttle, and crafty meanes, to disceaue the kinges Subiectes, bearing them in hand, that they by palmistry coulde tell mens and womens fortunes, and so many tymes by craft and subteltie, disceaue the people of theyr money, and committed diuers greate and heynous fellonies, and robberies, to the great hurt and discayt of the people). It was amongest other thinges then enacted, that from the tyme of the makinge of the sayd Acte, no suche personnes shoulde be suffred to come within this the kinges realme, vpon payne of forfayture to the kynge, all theyr goodes and cattels, and then to be commaunded to auoyde the realme within. xv. dayes next after the commaundement, vpon payne of imprisonment, and suche persons calling themselues Egiptians, as then were within this realme, shoulde departe within. xvi. dayes next after proclamation of the sayd Acte, vpon payne of imprisonment and forfayture of all theyr goodes and cattels with diuers other clauses & articles conteyned in ꝑ sayd acte, as by the sayd Act more at large it appeareth. Forasmuche as diuers of the sayde company, and suche other lyke personnes, not fearing the penaltie of the sayd Statute, haue enterprised to come ouer agayne into this realme, vsyng theyr olde accustomed deuelysh, and noughty practises and deuises, with suche abhominable liuinge, as is not in any Christian realme to be permitted, named, or knowen, and be not duely punyshed for the same, to the perillous and euyl example of our soueraygne Lorde and Lady, the kynge and the Queenes maiesties moost louynge subiectes, and to the vtter and extreme vndoynge of dyuers and many of them, as euidently doth appeare.

For reformation wherof, be it ordeyned and enacted by the kynge and Quene our soueraygne Lorde and Lady, the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and commons in this present parliamente assembled, and by thauctorite of the same, that yf any person or persons after the laste

laſt daye of January next comming, do wyllyngly tranſpoꝛt, bꝛynge, and conuey into this realme of England, oꝛ Wales, any ſuch perſons callyng them ſelues, oꝛ commonly called Egyptians, that then he oꝛ they, ſo tranſpoꝛtinge, bꝛinging, oꝛ conueying in, any ſuche perſons, contrary to the true meaning of this Acte, ſhall foꝛfeyt and loſe foꝛ euery tyme ſo offending, foꝛty pounds of lawfull money of England.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoꝛitie afoꝛeſayd, that yf any of the ſayd perſons called Egyptians, which ſhalbe tranſpoꝛted and conueyed into this realme of England oꝛ Wales, as is afoꝛeſayde, do continue and remayne within the ſame, by the ſpace of one moneth, that then he oꝛ they ſo offendyng, ſhall by vertue of this acte, be deemed and adiudged a fellon, and fellons, and ſhall theꝛefoꝛe ſuffer paynes of death, loſſe of landes and goodes, as in caſes of fellony, by thoꝛdꝛe of the common lawe of this realme, and ſhall vpon the tryall of them, oꝛ any of them, therein be tryed in the countie, and by thinhabitauntes of the countie oꝛ place, where they oꝛ he ſhalbe appꝛehended oꝛ taken, and not *Per medietatem linguæ*, and ſhal loſe the benefite and pꝛiuilege of ſayncteuary and clergye.

And be it further enacted by thauctoꝛitie afoꝛeſayde, that if the Egiptians, and other perſons, commonly callyng them ſelues Egyptians, and euery of them, now being within this realme of Englande, oꝛ Wales, do not depart out of the ſame within .xx. dayes nexte after pꝛoclamation of this pꝛeſente acte ſhalbe made, that then he oꝛ they whiche ſhall not depart within the ſayd tyme, accoꝛdynge to the true meanyng of this Acte, ſhall foꝛfeyte and loſe all his and theyꝛ goodes and cattels, and that then it ſhalbe lawfull to all and euery the kynge and the Quenes ſubiectes, to ſeaſe the ſame, thone moytie thereof to be to the vſe of our ſoueraygne Loꝛd & Lady the king & the Quene, and thother moytie therof to be to the vſe of hym oꝛ them that ſhal ſo ſeaſe the ſame.

And be it alſo enacted by thauctoꝛitie afoꝛeſayd, that yf the Egyptians, and other perſons commonly called Egyptians, and euerye of them, nowe beyng within this realme of Englande oꝛ Wales, do not departe out, and from the ſame, within .xl. dayes next after pꝛoclamation ſhalbe made of this acte, that then he oꝛ they, whiche ſhall not departe, and auoyde within the ſayd tyme of .xl. dayes, accoꝛding to the true meanyng of this acte, ſhalbe adiudged and deemed accoꝛdyng to the lawes of this realme of England, a fellon, and fellons, and ſhal ſuffer theꝛfoꝛe paynes of death, loſſe of landes and goodes, as in other caſes of felony, and ſhalbe tryed as is beſoꝛeſayd, and without hauing any benefite oꝛ pꝛiuilege of Sayncteuary oꝛ clergye.

And be it further enacted by thauctoꝛitie afoꝛeſayde, that yf anye perſon after the fyꝛſt day of January next commynge, ſhall ſue foꝛ the obteyninge of any licence, lettre, oꝛ paſpoꝛte, foꝛ anye of the ſayde perſons

sons called Egyptians, to abide or cōtinue within this realme of Englande, or Wales, contrary to the tenour of this acte, that then euerye suche person so suing, shall forfayte and loose for the same fortie poundes of lawfull moneye of England, and that euery suche licence, lettre, & pasport, shalbe by vertue of this acte voide, to al intentes and purposes, thone moytie of all whiche summes of moneye to be forfayted, as is before sayd, shalbe to the Kyng and Queene our Soueraigne Lord and Ladye, and thother moytie thereof to be to hym or them, that will sue for the same, in any courte of recorde, by action of dette, bil, plainte, or information, wherein anye essoygne, wager of lawe, nor protection, shalbe admitted or allowed.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayde, that thys present acte, nor anye thyng therein conteyned, shall not extende, nor be hurtfull to anye of the sayd persons, commonlye called Egyptians, whiche within the sayd time of.xx.dayes nexte after the sayd proclamation to be made, as is before sayd, shal leaue that noughtye, ydle, and vngodly lyfe, and companie, and be placed in the seruice of some honeste and able inhabitaunte or inhabitauntes, wythin thys realme, or that shall honestlye exercise him selfe in some lawfull worke or occupation, but that he or they so cōtinuyng in seruice, or other lawfull worke or occupation, shall duryng suche tyme as he or they shall so continue, be discharged of all paynes, and forfaytures, contayned in thys acte.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that this acte shall not in any wyse extende to any chylde or chyldren, being not aboue the age of.xiiij.yeares, nor to any of the sayd persons, beyng nowe in pryson, so that he or they, so being in pryson, do departe out of this realme, wythin.xiiij.dayes nexte after his or their delyuerye out of pryson, nor shall extende to charge anye maner of person or persons, as accessarye to anye offence or offences, contained or specified in this estatute.

¶ An Acte to restrayne carying of corne, victualles, and woode ouer the sea.

The.v.Chapiter.

WHere as sondrye good estatutes and lawes hathe bene made wythin thys realme in the time of the Queenes highnes most noble progenitors, ẏ none shoulde transporte, carye, or conueye oute of thys realme into anye place in the parties beyond the seas any corne, butter, cheese, or other victuall (except onlye for the victeling of the townes of Callys, Hames, and Guysnes, and the marches of the

same, vpon diuerse great paynes and forfaytures in the same conteyned, that not withstandyng many and sondrye couetouse and vnsaciable persons, seking their onlye lucres and gaynes, hathe, and daylye doth carye and conueye innumerable quantitie, as wel of corne, cheese, butter, & other victual, as of wood out of thys realme, into the parties beyonde the seas. By reason whereof the sayd corne, victuall, & wood are growen vnto a wonderfull dearth, and extreame prices, to the great detriment of the common welth of thys youre hyghnes realme, and your faythfull subiectes of the same.

For remedye whereof it may please your hyghnesse that it be enacted, and be it enacted by your hyghnesse, by the assent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in thys present Parliamēt assembled, and by aucthoritie of the same, that no maner of person or persons, after the .xx. daye of Januarye next commyng, shal carye and transporte out of thys realme by anye shyppe, crayer, or other vessell, whatsoeuer, into any place in the parties beyonde the seas, or into the realme of Scotland any wheate, rye, barleye, or other corne or graine, grodyng wythin thys realme, or any malte made wythin the same, or any bere, butter, cheese, herryng, or woode (except onlye to, and for the bytelyng and furniture of the townes of Callys, Hames, & Guynes, and the towne of Berwyke, and the marches of the same) wythoute sufficient and lawfull aucthoritie so to do, vpon the paynes and penalties hereafter ensuinge, that is to saye, the owner and owners of the sayd shyppes and other vessels, to forfayte the sayd shyppes, crayers, and other vessels, with all their apparelles, to them and euery of them belongynge, wherein the sayde corne, butter, cheese, herrynge, bytuall, or wood shalbe so transported and caried, and the owners and owner of the sayd corne, butter, cheese, herryng, and wood, to forfayte the double value of the same, so caried and conueyed, and the mayster and mareuours of euerye of the sayd shyppes, crayers, and vessels for euery suche offence, to forfayte all their goodes, and to be imprisoned, by the space of one whole yeare without bayle or mayneprise.

And be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayde, that yf anye person or persons, after the sayd .xx. daye of Januarye, do carye and conueye awaye by bote, crayer, or other vessell, or otherwyse anye wheate, rye, barleye, malte, or other corne or grayne, or any bere, butter, cheese, herryng, or wood to any shyppe or vessell, being on the seas, or wythin anye hauen, creke, or other place of the border of thys Realme to be transported, caried, and conueyed into anye place in the parties beyonde the seas, or into the realme of Scotland, without sufficient aucthoritie so to do, that then euerye owner of the sayde victualles, corne, and other thynges aboue sayd so transported or caried, and the owner and owners of euery suche bote or vessell, and the botemen and mareners of the same shall loose, forfayte, and suffer all

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suche forfaytures, paynes, and penalties, as is aboue rehearsed, thone moytie of all, and euerye, whych forfayture or forfaytures to be to the Kyng and Queenes hyghnes, their heyres and successours, and thother moytie to hym or them, that wyl sue for the same by byll, information, action of debte, or otherwyse in anye of the Kyng and Queenes hyghnes courtes of recorde, in whyche action, byll, or suite the defendaunt shall not wage hys lawe, nor haue any essoygne or protection to hym allowed.

And be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayd, that yf any person or persons shall obteyne of the Kyng & Queenes maiesties, their heyres or successours, or of any of them, any licence to carie and transport any corne, victuall, or wood, into any parties beyonde the seas, that yf he or they, to whome any suche licence shalbe graunted, or any other, to whome such person or persons, hauing suche licence, shal giue, graunte, or sell hys or their sayd licence vnto, shal carye, and conueye, or cause to be caried and conueyed any more corne, victuall, or wood, then shalbe conteyned in his or their sayd licence, shall forfayte the triple value of the sayd corne, victuall, or wood so caried, and transported, withoute sufficient aucthoritie, & shall suffer imprisonment for one whole yeare in the common gaole, where he shalbe apprehended, there to remayne without bayle or maynprise.

And be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayde, that no maner of person or persons, after the sayd. xx. daye of Januarie, that shal obteyne, or haue any suche licence for transportynge and carying anye corne, victuall, or wood into any parties beyonde the seas, shal shippe, lade, and fraughte the same, or any parte thereof, at sondrye places within this realme, but at one place certayne, vpon paine of forfayture of the sayd corne, victuall, & woode, and all his goodes & cattels, thone moytie thereof to the king and Queenes maiesties, their heyres, and successours, and thother moytie to him or them, that will sue for the same by action of debte, byll, playnte, information, or otherwyse, wherin no wager of lawe, essoygne, or protection shall be to hym or them allowed.

And for the better execution of this acte; be it further enacted by ẏ auctoritie aforesaid, ẏ al, and singuler Justices of peace, as wel within the liberties as without, within theyr seuerall aucthorities and cōmissions at any tyme, within three yeares next after suche offences cōmitted, shall haue full power and aucthoritie to enquire as well by the othes of twelue lawful men, as also to heare and examine the mayster, maysters, and mareners of the sayd shyppes, crayers, & other vessels, and all, and euerye other person and persons, of al, and singuler thoffēders agaynst thys present Acte, and to heare and determine the same offences, as they maye, and ought to heare and determine anye other trespasses, or offences.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayd, that at all time and times hereafter, when the common pryce of corne within thys realme is, that wheate shal not exceade the pryce of. vj.s. viij.d. the quarter, and rye. iiij.s. the quarter, and barleye. iij.s. the quarter, it shalbe lawful to euery person and persons to carye & transporte ouer the sea to anye place beyonde the seas at their pleasure any of the sayd kyndes of corne, so that it be not to the kyng and Queenes enemies.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayd, ẏ this Acte, ne any thing therin contayned, shal extend to any person or persons for the necessarye victelyng of any shyppe, shyppes, or other vessels, but that they, and euery of them, may victayle the sayd shippes and vessels, as they myght haue done before the makyng of thys present acte. Thys acte or anye thyng therein contayned to the contrary notwythstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayde, that this acte, or anye thinge therin conteyned, shall not be preiudiciall or hurtefull vnto the Lorde great Admirall of Englande, for the tyme beyng, or to the kinge and Quenes maiesties iurisdiction of the Admiraltie, but that the sayd Lorde Admirall, or his deputie, or deputies, maye, and shall exercise, vse, and execute all kynde of iurisdiction, belongynge to the sea, accordinge to his or theyr commissions, as they might lawfully haue done heretofore. This acte, or any thynge therein conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ An Acte for the reuiuinge of three Estatutes made for the punyshment of heresies.

The. vi. Chapter.

For the eschuing and auoydinge of errours and heresies, which of late haue rysen, growen, and muche increased within this realme, for that the Ordinaries haue wanted aucthoritie to procede against those, that were infected therwith. Be it therefore ordeyned and enacted by thauctoritie of this presẽt parliament, that the Statute made in the fyft yeare of the reygne of kynge Rycharde the seconde, concernyng the arresting and apprehension of erronious and hereticall preachers, and one other Statute, made in the second yeare of the reygne of kynge Henry the fourth, concernynge repressyng of heresies, and punishment of heretikes, and also one other Estatute, made in the seconde yeare of the raygne of kynge Henrye the fyft, concernyng the suppression of heresy, and lollardye, and euerye article, braunche, and sentence conteigned in the same three seuerall

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Actes, and euery of them, shal from the .xx. day of January next comming, be reuiued, and be in full force, strength, and effecte, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes for euer.

¶ The tenor of the Acte, made in the fyrst yeare of kynge Richarde, is as foloweth. Cap. b.

Item forasmuch as it is openly knowen, that there be diuers euill persons within the realme, goyng from countie to countie, and from towne to towne, in certayne habites vnder dissimulation of great holines, and without the lycence of the ordinaries of the places, or other sufficient auctoritie, preaching dayly, not only in churches and churcheyardes, but also in markettes, fayres, and other open places, where a greate congregation of people is, diuers sermons conteyninge heresies, and notorious errours, to the great embleamisshynge of the Christen fayth, and destruction of the lawes, and of the estate of holye churche, to the great pericle of the soules of the people, and of all the realme of England, as more playnly is founde, and sufficientlye proued, before the reuerende father in God the Archebyshop of Canterbury, and the bishoppes, and other prelates, maisters of diuinitie, and doctours of Canon and of Ciuyle, and a great part of the clergye of the sayd realme: specially assembled for this cause: whiche personnes do also preache dyuers matters of sclaunder, to engendre dyscord and dissention betwyxt dyuers estates of the sayd realme, as well spirituall, as temporall, in excitynge of the people, to the greate peryll of all the realme, whiche preachers cyted or summoned before the ordinaries of the places, there to aunswer of that, whereof they be impeched, wyll not obey to their summons and commaundements, nor care not for their monicions nor sensures of the holye churche, but expresselye despyse them: And moreouer by theyr subtyl and ingenious wordes, do draw the people to heare theyr sermons, and do maynteyne them in theyr errours by stronge hand, and by great routes: It is ordeyned and assented in this present parliamente, that the kynges commissions be made and directed to the shyryffes, and other ministers of oure soueraygne Lorde the kynge, or other sufficiente persons lerned, and according to the certifications of the prelates therof to be made in the Chauncery from tyme to tyme, to arreste all suche preachers, and also theyr faytours, maynteyners, and abettours, and to holde them in arrest and stronge prison, tyll they wyll iustifye them according to the lawe and reason of holy churche. And the kynge wyll and commaundeth, that the chauncellour make such commissions at all tymes, that he by the prelates or any of them shal be certified and therof required as is afore sayde.

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¶ The tenor of the seconde acte, made in the second yeare of king Henrye the fourth, is as foloweth. Cap. xv.

ITem where as it is shewed to our souerayngne lord the king on the behalfe of the prelates & clergye of his realme of Englande in this present parliament, that although the catholike fayth buylded vpon Christ, and by his Apostles and the holy churche sufficiently determined, declared, & approued, hath bene hitherto by good and holy and most noble progenitours of oure souerayngne lord the kyng in the sayde realme amonges all the realmes of the world, most deuoutly obserued, and the churche of England by his sayd most noble progenitours and auncesters, to the honoure of God and of the whole realme aforesayd, laudably endowed, & in her rightes and liberties susteyned, without that that the same fayth or the sayde churche was hurte or greuously oppressed, or elle perturbed by anye peruerse doctrine, or wicked hereticall or erronious opinions: Yet neuertheless diuerse false and peruerse people of a certeyne newe secte, of the fayth of the sacramentes of the churche, and the authoritie of the same damnably thinkyng, and agaynste the lawe of god and of the churche vsurpyng the office of preachyng, do peruersly and maliciously in diuerse places within the sayd realme, vnder the coloure of dissimuled holines, preache and teache these dayes openlye and priuelye diuerse newe doctrines and wicked heretical and erronious opinions, contrarye to the same fayth and blessed determinations of the holye churche. And of suche secte and wicked doctrine & opinions they make vnlawfull conuenticles and confederacyes, they holde and exercyse scholes, they make and wryte bookes, they do wickedlye instructe and infourme people, and as muche as they may excite and stirre them to sedition and insurrection, and maketh great stryfe and diuision among the people, and other enormities horribly to be heard dayly do perpetrate and committe, in subuertion of the sayd catholike fayth, and doctrine of the holy churche, in diminution of Gods honoure, and also in destruction of the estate, rightes, and liberties of the sayde churche of Englande, by whiche secte and wicked & false preachinges, doctrines, and opinions of the sayd false and peruerse people, not only most greatest peryll of the soules, but also many more other hurtes, slaunders, and peryls (whyche God prohibite) might come to this realme, onelesse it be the more plentifullye and spedely holpen by the kynges maiestie in thys behalfe, namelye where as the dyocesans of the sayde realme can not by their iurisdiction spirituall, wythout ayde of the sayd royall maiestie, sufficientlye correcte the sayd false and peruerse people, nor refrayne their malice, because the sayd false and peruerse people do go from dyoceys to dyoceys, and wyll not appeare before the sayd dyocesans, but the same dyocesans and their iurisdiction spirituall, and the

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kayes of the churche wyth the cenſures of the ſame, do vtterlye contempne and deſpyſe, and ſo their wicked preachinges and doctrines doth from daye to daye continue and exerciſe, to the hatred of ryghte and reaſon, and vtter deſtruction of ordre and good rule. Vpon which noweltyes and exceſſes aboue rehearſed. The prelates and clergye aforeſayd, and alſo the commons of the ſayd realme being in the ſame parliament, praying our ſouereigne lord the king, that his royall highnes wold vouchſaue in the ſayd Parliament to prouide a conuenient remedie, the ſame our ſoueraygne lord the kyng gratiouſlye conſideryng the premiſſes, and alſo the laudable ſteppes of his ſayd moſte noble progenitours and auncеſters, for the conſeruation of the ſayde catholike fayth, and ſuſtentation of goddes honoure, and alſo the ſafegard of the eſtate, ryghtes, and liberties of the ſayd churche of Englande, to the laude of God, and merite of our ſayd ſoueraygne lord the kyng, and proſperitie and honoure of all his ſayd realme, and for the eſchewyng of ſuche diſſentions, diuiſions, hurtes, ſlaunders, and perils, in tyme to come, and that thys wicked ſecte, preachinges, doctrines, & opinions ſhuld from henceforth ceaſe, and be vtterly deſtroyed, by the aſſente of the ſtates and other diſcrete men of the realme, beyng in the ſayd parliament, hath graunted, ſtabliſhed, and ordeyned from henceforth fermely to be obſerued, that none wythin the ſayd realme, or any other dominions, ſubiect to his royall maieſtie, preſume to preache openly or priuelye, wythout the licence of the dyoceſan of the ſame place firſt required and obteyned, curates in theyr owne churches, and perſons hitherto priuileged, and other of the canon lawe graunted, onely excepte. Nor that none from henceforth anye thynge preache, holde, teache, or inſtructe openly or priuelye, or make, or write any booke, contrarye to the catholike fayth, or determination of the holye churche, nor of ſuche ſecte and wycked doctrines and opinions, ſhal make anye conuenticles, or in any wiſe holde or exerciſe ſcholes. And alſo that none from henceforth in any wyſe fauoure ſuche preacher, or maker of any ſuche, and lyke conuenticles, or holding or exerciſyng ſcholes, or making or writting ſuche bokes, or ſo teaching, inſourming, or exciting the people, nor any of them maynteyne, or any wiſe ſuſteyne. And that all, and ſinguler hauing ſuche bookes, or any writynges of ſuche wicked doctrine and opinions, ſhall really with effect deliuer, or cauſe to be deliuered all ſuche bookes and writynges to the dyoceſan of the ſame place, within. xl. dayes, fro the tyme of the proclamation of thys ordinaunce and ſtatute. And yf any perſon or perſons, of whatſoeuer kind, eſtate, or condition that he or they be, from henceforth do or attempte agaynſt the royall ordinaunce and ſtatute aforeſayd in the premiſſes or in any of them, or ſuche bookes in the fourme aforeſayd do not deliuer, then the dyoceſan of the ſame place in his dioceys, ſuche perſon or perſons in this behalfe defamed, or euidently ſuſpected, and euery of them

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maye by the aucthoritie of the sayd ordinaunce and statute cause to be arrested, and vnder saufe custodye in his prisons to be deteyned, tyl he or they of the articles layde to him or them in this behalfe, do canonycallye purge hym or them selfe, or else suche wicked secte, preachinges, doctrines, and hereticall and erronious opinions do abiure, according as the lawes of the churche doth require, so that the sayd dyocesan by hym selfe or his cōmissaries do openly and iudiciallye procede agaynst suche persons so arrested, and remaynyng vnder his saufe custodye to all effect of the lawe, and determine that same busines, accordynge to the canonicall decrees wythin three monethes after the sayd arreste, any lawfull impediment ceassyng. And yf any person in any case aboue expressed, be before the diocesan of the place, or his commissaries canonically conuicte: then the same dyocesan maye do to be kept in his pryson the sayd person so conuicte for the maner of hys defaulte, and after the qualitie of the offence accordyng and as longe as to hys discretion shall seme expedient, and moreouer to put the same person to the secular courte (except in cases where he accordyng to the canonicall decree ought to be left) to paye to our soueraygne lord the kyng his pecuniar fyne, accordyng as the same fyne shall seme competent to the dyocesan, for the maner and qualitie of the offence, in whych case the same dyocesan shall be bounde to certifie the kyng of the same fyne in his eschecker by hys letters patentes, sealed wyth hys seale, to the effecte that suche fyne by the kynges aucthoritie may be required and seueyed to his vse of the goodes of the same person so conuicte. And yf any person within the sayd realme and dominions, vpon the sayde wycked preachinges, doctrines, opinions, scholes, and hereticall and erronious informations, or any of them be before the dyocesan of the same place or his commissaries sententially conuict, and the same wicked secte, preachinges, doctrines, and opinions, scholes, and informations, do refuse duelye to abiure, or by the dyocesan of the same place or his commyssaries after the abiuration made by the same person pronounced fall into relapse, so that accordyng to the holye canons he oughte to be lefte to the secular courte, where vpon credence shalbe gyuen to the dyocesan of the same place, or to hys commyssaries in thys behalfe, then the sheryffe of the countie of the same place, and Maior and Sheryffes or sheriffe, or Maior and baylyffes of the citye, towne, and boroughe, of the same countye next to the same dyocesan or the sayd commissaries, shall be personallye presente in pref errynge of suche sentences, when they by the same dyocesan or his commissaries shalbe required: & they the same persons and euery of them, after such sentence promulgate, shall receyue: And them before the people in an highe place do to be brente, that suche punishment may stryke in feare to the myndes of other, whereby no suche wycked doctrine and hereticall and erronious opinions, nor theyr auctours and fautours in the sayd realme and dominions

minions agaynſt the catholike fayth, chriſten lawe, and determination of the holy churche (whiche God prohibite) be ſuſteyned, or in any wiſe ſuffred, in whyche al, and ſingular the premiſſes, concerning the ſayde ordinaunce and ſtatute, the cheriffes, maiors, and baylyffes, of the ſayd counties, cities, boroughes, and townes, ſhalbe attending, ayding, and ſupportyng, to the ſayd dioceſans and their commiſſaries.

¶ The tenor of the thyrd Acte, made in the ſeconde yeare of kyng Henry the fyfte, is as followeth. Cap. viij.

ITem foraſmuche as great rumours, congregations, & inſurrections, here in the realme of Englande by diuerſe of the kinges liege people, as wel by them which were of the ſecte of hereſie commonlye called lollardrie, as by other of their confederacie, excitation, & abettement, nowe of late were made, to the intent to adnulle, deſtroye, and ſubuerte the chriſten fayth, and the lawe of God and holye churche wythin this ſame realme of Englande, & alſo to deſtroye the ſame our ſoueraygne lord the kyng, and all other maner of eſtates of the ſame realme of Englande, as wel ſpirituall as temporall, and alſo all maner of policie, and finally the lawes of the lande: The ſame our ſoueraygne lord the kyng, to the honoure of god, and in cõſeruation & fortification of the chriſten fayth, and alſo in ſaluation of his royall eſtate, and of the eſtate of all his realme, willing agaynſt the malice of ſuche heretikes and lollardes to prouide a more open remedy and puniſhmente then hath bene had and vſed in the caſe heretofore, ſo that for feare of the ſame lawes and punyſhmente, ſuche hereſies and lollardries may the rather ceaſe in tyme to come, by the aduiſe and aſſent aforeſayd, and at the prayer of the ſayd cõmens, hath ordeyned and ſtablyſhed: that fyrſt the chaunceler, treaſurer, Juſtices of the one benche and of the other, Juſtices of peace, cheriffes, maiors, and baylyffes of cities and townes, and al other officers, haupnge gouernaunce of people, whyche nowe be, or hereafter for the time ſhalbe, ſhal make an othe in takynge of their charges and occupations, to put their whole power & diligence, to put out and do to be put out, ceaſe, & deſtroye al maner of hereſies and errours, cõmenly called lollardries, within the places where they exerciſe their offices & occupations, from tyme to tyme with al their power, and that they aſſiſte the ordinaries and their cõmiſſaries, & them fauoure & maynteine as often as they or any of them to that ſhalbe required by the ſame ordinaries or their cõmiſſaries, ſo that when the ſayd officers & miniſters, trauaile or ride to arreſt any lollard, or to make aſſiſtence at the inſtaunce & requeſt of the ordinaries or their cõmiſſaries by vertue of thys ſtatute, that the ſame ordinaries & cõmiſſaries ſhall paye for their coſtes reaſonablye. And þ the kynges ſeruices, to the whych the ſame officers be fyrſte ſworne, be

preferred before all other statutes for the libertie of holy churche, & the ministers of the same, and in especiall for the correction & punishmente of the heretikes and lollardes before this time made and not repelled being in their force. And also that all persons cõuicte of herelie, of what estate, condicion, or degree that they be, by the sayd ordinaries or other cõmissaries lefte to the seculer power, accordyng to the lawes of holye churche, shall loose & forfayte all their landes and tenementes, whyche they haue in fee simple in the maner as foloweth, that is to saye, that the king haue all the landes & tenementes, whiche the sayde conuictes haue in fee simple, & holden of him immediatly as forfaite, & that the other lordes, of whome the landes & tenementes of suche conuictes be holden immediatly, after that the kyng is so sealed & aunswered of the yeare, the daye, and the wast, haue liuerey out of the kynges handes of the landes & tenementes aforesaid of thẽ so holden, as it hath bene vsed in the case of attaindre of felonie, except ỹ landes & tenementes, whiche be holden of the ordinaries or theyr commissaries, before whome anye suche persons impeched of herelie be conuict, whych landes & tenemẽtes entierly shal remayne to the king as forfayte. And moreouer ỹ all ỹ goodes & cattels of these persons so cõuicted, be forfaite to our soueraygne lord the kyng, so that no person conuict of herelie, & left to ỹ secular power after the lawes of holy churche, shal forfayt his landes before ỹ he be dead. And yf any suche person so cõuict, be enfeffed be it by fyne, by dede, or wythout dede, in landes or tenementes, rentes or seruices, in fee or otherwise, or hath any other possessions or cattels by gift or graunt of any person or persons to anothers vse, then to ỹ vse of such conuictes, ỹ the same landes nor tenementes, rentes nor seruices, nor such other possessions, nor cattels shalbe forfayt to our soueraigne lord the kyng in no wise. And moreouer ỹ the iustices of the kinges bẽche, & iustices of peace, & iustices of assise, haue ful power to enquire of all thẽ, which hold any errors or herelies, as lollardes, & which be their mainteiners, receyuers, fauorers, & susteiners, comen writers of suche bookes as wel of ỹ sermons, as of theyr scholes, cõuenticles, cõgregations, and confederacies. And that thys clause be put in cõmssions of ỹ Justices of ỹ peace. And yf any persons be endicted of any pointes aforesaid the sayd Justices shal haue power to award agaynst thẽ a Capias, and the sheryffe shalbe bound to arrest the person or persons so endicted as sone as he may them find by him or by his officers. And forasmuch as the cognisaunce of herelie, errours, & lollardries, belongeth to the iudges of holy churche, and not to the secular iudges, such persons endicted shalbe deliuered to the ordinaries of the places or to theyr cõmissaries, by indentures bytwyxt them to be made, wythin. x. dayes after theyr arrest, or soner yf it may be, thereof to be acquite or conuict by the lawes of holy churche, in case that these persons be not endicted of an other thyng, whereof the cognisaunce belongeth to the secular iudges

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and officers, in whyche case, after that that they be acquyte or delyuered before the secular Judges of suche thynges to the secular Judges belongyng, they shalbe sente in saufegarde to the sayde ordinaries, or to theyr commyssaries, and to them delyuered by indentures, as before to be acquyte or conuycte of suche lollardyes, errours, or heresyes as is aforesayd, after the lawes of holye churche, and that wythin the terme aforesayde.

Prouyded alwayes that the sayde endictementes be not taken in euydence, but for information before the spirituall iudges agaynste suche persons so endicted, but that the ordinaries commence their processe agaynst suche persons endicted in the same maner, as though no endictement were, haupnge no regarde to suche endictementes. And yf anye be endycted of heresye, erroure, or lollardye, and taken by the Sheriffe or other officer, he shalbe lette to maynprysle wythin the sayde tenne dayes by good suretie, for whome the sayde Sheriffes or other officers wyll aunswere, so that the sayde person or persons, whyche were so endycted, be readye to be delyuered to the sayde ordinaries, or to theyr commyssaries, before the ende of the sayde tenne dayes, yf he maye by anye meanes for sycknes. And euerye ordinarye shall haue sufficiente commissaries or commissarie, dwellyng in euerye countie in a place notable, so that yf anye suche person so endicted be taken, that the sayde commissaries or commissarie maye be warned in the notable place, where he dwelleth, by the Sherysse or some of hys officers, to come to the kynges iayle in the same countie, there to receaue the same person so endicted by indentures as before. And that in the enquest in thys case to be taken, the Sheriffes and other officers, to whome it belongeth, shall do to be empanelled good and sufficient persons, not suspected nor procured, that is to saye, that euery of them whyche shalbe so empanelled in suche enquest, haue wythin the realme of England. C.s. of landes, tenementes, or of rente by yeare vpon payne to loose to the kynges vse. x.li. and they whych shalbe empanelled in such enquestes in wales, euery of them shal haue to the value of. xl.s. by yeare. And yf any suche person be arrested, be it by the ordinarie, or by the kinges officers or ministers, & escape or breake the prysson, before that he be acquyte before the ordinarie, the goodes and cattels, whyche he hadde the daye of suche arreste, shalbe forfayte to the kyng and hys landes and tenementes, whyche he hadde the same daye, sealed also into the kynges handes, the kynge shall haue the profytes thereof from the sayd daye, vntyll he be yelden to the prysson frō whych he escaped. And that the foresayde Justices haue full power to enquyre of all suche escapes, breakyng of prysson, and also of landes and tenementes, goodes, and cattels of suche persons so endicted.

Prouided also, that yf any suche person endicted do not returne to the sayd prysson, and dyeth not conuicte, it shalbe lawfull to his heyres

to entre into the landes and tenementes of theyr auncestre, wythoute anye other purluyte makyng to the kynge for thys cause, and then all they whych haue liberties and fraunchises royall in Englande, as in the countie of Chestre, the countie and libertie of Durham, and other lyke, and also all the Lordes, whych haue iurisdiction and fraunchises royall in Wales, where the kinges writtes do not runne, haue power to execute and put in due execution these articles in all poyntes by thē or by theyr officers, in lyke maner as the Justices and other the kynges offices before declared shuld do.

¶ An acte that persons dwellyng in the countrey, shal not sell diuers wares in cities, or townes corporate by retayle.

¶ The. vii. Chapter.

WHere before this tyme the auncient cities, boroughes, Townes corporate, and markette townes within this realme of England, haue bene verye populous, & chiefly inhabited with marchauntes, artificers, and handye craftesmen, duryng which tyme, the chyldren in ỹ sayd cities, boroughes, townes corporate, & market townes, were ciuilye brought vp, and instructed, and also the sayde cities, boroughes, and townes corporate, kept in good order and obeysaunce, and the inhabiters of the same wel set on worke, and kept from ydlenes. By reason wherof, the sayde cities, boroughes, and townes corporate, dyd then prosper in riches, and great welth, and were as then not only able to serue and furnysh the kynge and Queenes maiesties, and other theyr noble progenitours, kynges of this realme, aswell with great numbers of good able persons, and well furnished meete for the warres, as also then charged, and yet chargeable, with greate fee farmes, quyndemes, taxes, and dyuers other paymentes to the kynge and Quenes maiesties, whiche at this present they be not able to pay and beare, but to theyr vtter vndoyng, beyng fewe in number to paye and beare the same, but also the same cities, boroughes, and townes corporate, are like to come very shortly to vtter destruction, ruyne, and decaye, by reason whereof, the occupiers, lynnen drapers, wollen drapers, haberdashers, and Grocers, dwellynge in the countreyes out of the sayd cities, boroughes, townes corporate, and market townes, do not onely occupye the arte and mistery of the sayd sciences, in the places where they dwell and inhabite, but also come vnto the sayd cities, boroughes, townes corporate, and market townes, and there sel theyr wares, and take away the relief of the inhabitauntes of the sayd cities, boroughes, townes corporate, and market townes to the great decay, and vtter vndoynge of the inhabitauntes of

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the same, yf spedy reformation therein, be not had in time conuenient. For remedie whereof, and for the better amendement of the sayde cities, boroughes, townes corporate, and market townes, and to thend the same cities, boroughes, and townes corporate, maye be the better able to pay the sayd fee fermes, and also to beare the other ordynarye charges within the same cities, boroughes, and townes corporate, and to furnyshe the kynge and Queenes maiesties, with numbers of able persons, lyke as they heretofore haue done in times past, in times of warre.

Be it therefore enacted by our soueraygne Lorde and Ladye, the kynge and Queene, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by authoritie of the same, that any person or persons, whiche do nowe inhabit and dwell, or hereafter shall inhabit or dwell in the countrey any where, or county within this realme of Englande, out of anye of the sayde cities, boroughes, townes corporate, or market townes, from, and after ỹ feast of S. Michael tharchaungel next commyng, shal not sell, or cause to be solde by retayle, any woollen cloth, linnen cloth, haberdashe wares, Grocery wares, mercery wares, at, or within any of the sayd cities, boroughes, townes corporate, or market townes, or ẅin the suburbes, or liberties of the sayd cities, boroughes, townes corporate, and market townes, within this sayde realme of England (except it be in open fayres) vpon payne to forfayt and lose for euery time so offending, the summe of. vi. s. viii. d. and the hole wares so solde, profered, and offered to be solde, contrary to the forme, intent, and effecte of this present act, as aboue is sayd, the one moytie of all which forfaytures, to be to the vse of our sayd soueraygne Lorde and Lady, the kynge and Quenes maiesties, and the other half to hym or them that shall cease and sewe for the same in any of the kynge and Queenes courtes of recorde, by byll, playnt, action of debt, information, or otherwise, wherin no essoyne, protection, or wager of lawe, shalbe had or allowed.

Prouided alway, that this acte shall not in any wyse extende, nor be hurtfull to any person or persons, that bringe any of the sayd woollen cloth, lynnen cloth, haberdash, Grocery, mercery ware, or wares, to any of the sayd cities, boroughes, townes corporate, or markette townes, to be solde, or cause to be solde by whole sale, in grosse, and not by retayle, but they and euery of them may lawfully sell the same, in as large and ample maner, fourme, and condition by whole sale in grosse, & not by retayle, as they and euery of them, myght haue done at any tyme or tymes before the makyng of this act. Any thinge here in to the contrarye, notwithstandynge.

Prouided alway, that this presente acte shall not extende to anye person or persons, ỹ now dwel or inhabit in the country, or hereafter

shall dwel or inhabite out of any of the sayd cities, boroughes, townes corporate, or market townes, but that they, and euerye of them, at any tyme hereafter, when they, or any of them shalbe free of anye the gyldes, or liberties of any the sayde cities, boroughes, townes corporate, or market townes, and dwell or inhabite within any of the same cities, boroughes, townes corporate, or markette townes, that they and euery of them so beyng free, shall, and may sell, or cause to be solde, any of the wares aforesayd, by retayle, in as ample and large maner, as they, and euery of them, might haue done, beynge free of the sayde cities, boroughes, and townes aforesayde, before the makyng of this Acte. Any clause or article in this Acte to the contrary, notwithstandynge.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that it shalbe lawfull to all persons, to sell, or cause to be solde, by retayle or otherwyse, all maner of cloth, lynnen or wollen, of theyr owne makyng, in euery citie, borough, towne corporate, and market towne within this realme, as freely and frankly as they myghte haue done before the makynge of this Acte. Any thynge in the same conteyned to the contrary hereof, notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwaye, that this acte, or any thinge therein conteyned, shall not be preiudiciall or hurtefull to the liberties, and priuileges of the vniuersities of Cambridge and Oxforde, or eyther of them. Any thinge in this Acte heretofore mentioned to the contrarye, notwithstandynge.

¶ An Acte repealinge all Statutes, articles, and prouisions, made agaynste the Sea Apostolike of Rome, synce the. xx. yeare of kynge Henry the eyght, and also for thestablyshment of all spirituall, and ecclesiasticall possessions, and hereditaments conueyed to the laytie.

¶ The. viii. Chapter.

Where as synce the. xx. yeare of kynge Henry theyght of famous memorye, father vnto youre maiestie, oure moost naturall soueraygne, and gratious Ladye and Queene, muche false and erronious doctryne, hathe bene taught, preached, and wrytten, partly by dyuers the naturall borne Subiectes of this realme, & partelye beynge brought in hether from sondry other forreyne countreys, hath bene sowen and spred abroad within the same. By reason wherof, alwell the spiritualtie as the temporaltie of your highnes realmes and dominions, haue swerued from the obedience of the Sea Apostolyke, and declined from the vnitie of Christes churche, and so haue conti-

continued, vntyll ſuche tyme as your maieſtie beyng fyrſt reyſed vp by God, and ſet in the ſeat Royall ouer vs, and then by his diuine and gratious prouidence, knyt in marryage with the mooſte noble & vertuous Prynce, the kynge our ſoueraygne Lorde your huſbande, the Popes holynes, and the Sea Apoſtolike, ſent hither vnto youre maieſties (as vnto perſons vndefiled, and by Gods goodnes preſerued from the common infection aforeſayde) and to the whole realme, the mooſt reuerende father in God, the Lorde Cardinall Poole, Legate *de latere*, to call vs home agayne into the ryght waye, from whence we haue al this longe whyle wandred, and ſtrayed abroade. And we after ſondrye, longe, and greuous plagues, and calamities, ſeynge by the goodnes of God our owne errours, haue acknowledged the ſame vnto the ſayde mooſt reuerende father, and by hym haue bene, and are the rather at the contemplacion of your maieſties, receyued and embraced into the vnitie and boſome of Chriſtes churche, and vpon oure humble ſubmiſſion and promiſſe made for a declaration of oure repentaunce to repeale and abrogate ſuch actes and Statutes as had bene made in parliament, ſynce the ſayde .xx. yeare of the ſayde kyng Henry theyght, agaynſt the ſupremacy of the Sea Apoſtolyke, as in oure ſubmiſſion exhibited to the ſayde mooſte reuerende father in God, by your maieſties appeareth. The tenor wherof enſueth.

We the Lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons aſſembled in this preſent parliament, repreſentynge the whole body of the realme of Englande, and the dominions of the ſame, in the name of oure ſelues perticulerlye, and alſo of the ſayd body vniuerſally in this oure ſupplication, directed to your maieſties, with mooſt humble ſuit, that it may by your graces interceſſion and meane be exhibited to the mooſte reuerende father in God, the Lorde Cardinall Poole legate, ſent ſpecially hyther from our mooſte holy father Pope Julye the thyrde, and the Sea Apoſtolyke of Rome, do declare our ſelues very ſorye and repentaunte, of the ſciſme and diſobedience, committed in this realme and dominiõs aforeſayd, agaynſt ỹ ſaid Sea Apoſtolyke, eyther by makyng, agreyng, or executing any lawes, ordinaunces, or commaundementes, agaynſt the ſupremacie of the ſayd Sea, or other wyſe doyng or ſpeakynge, that might impugne the ſame: offerynge our ſelues, and promiſing by this our ſupplication, that for a token & knowledge of our ſayd repentaunce, we be and ſhalbe alwayes ready, vnder, and with thaucthorities of your maieſties, to ỹ vttermooſte of our powers, to do that ſhall lye in vs, for the abrogation and repealynge of the ſayde lawes and ordinaunces in this preſent parliament, aſwell for our ſelues, as for the whole bodye, whome we repreſente, wherevpon we mooſt humblye deſyre your maieſties, as perſonages vndefyled in thoffence of this body towardes the ſayde Sea, whiche neuertheleſſe God by his prouidence, hath made ſubiecte to you, ſo to

set forth this our moost humble suit, that we maye obtayne from the Sea Apostolyke, by the sayde moost reuerende father, aswell particularlye, as generally, absolucion, release, and discharge, from all daunger of suche censures, and sentences, as by the lawes of the churche we be fallen into. And that we may as chyldren repentaunt, be receiued in the bosome and vnitie of Christes churche, so as this noble realme, with all the membres thereof, maye in this vnitie, and perfect obedience to the Sea Apostolyke, and Popes, for the tyme beynge, serue God and your maiesties, to the furtheraunce and aduauncemēt of his honour and glory. We are at the intercession of your maiesties, by thaucthoritie of our holy father, Pope July the thyrde, and of the Sea Apostolyke, assoyled, discharged, and deliuered, from excommunication, interdictions, and other censures Ecclesiasticall, which hath hanged ouer oure heades for oure sayde faultes, synce the tyme of the sayde scisme, mentioned in our sayd supplication. The which time the sayde Lorde Legate, and we, do al declare, recognise, and meane by this acte, to be onely synce the. xx. yeare of the reygne of your moost noble father, kynge Henry theyghte. It maye nowe lyke your maiesties, that for the accomplyshment of oure promisse made in the sayde supplication, that is, to repeale all lawes and Statutes, made contrary to the sayde supremacye, and Sea Apostolyke, durynge the sayde scisme, the which is to be vnderstand, synce the. xx. yeare of the reigne of the sayde late kynge Henry theyght, and so the sayde lorde Legate doth accepte and recognise the same.

Where in the parliament begonne and holden at Westminster, in the. xxi. yeare of the raygne of the late kyng of moost famous memorye, kynge Henry theight, one acte was then and there made, against pluralities of benefices, for takynge of farmes by spirituall men, and for none residence, in the whiche acte amongest other thinges it was ordeyned and enacted, that yf any person or persons, at any tyme after the fyrst daye of Apryll in the yeare of our Lorde God a thousand fyue hundred and thyrtye, contrary to the same acte, shoulde procure and obtayne at the courte of Rome, or elles where, any licence, or lycences, bnyon, tolleration, or dispensation, to receaue and take anye more benefices, with cure, then was limitted and appoynted by the same acte, or elles at any tyme after the sayde daye, shoulde put in execucion any suche licence, tolleration, or dispensation, before that time obteyned, contrary to the sayd Acte, that then euery suche person or persons, so after the sayde daye, suyng for hym selfe, or receauyng, and takyng suche benefice, by force of suche lycence, or lycences, bnyon, tolleration, or dispensation, that is to saye: the same person or personnes onelye, and no other, should for euery suche default, incurre the daunger, payne, and penaltie of. xx. li. sterl. and shoulde also lose the hole profittes of euerye suche benefice, or benefices, as he receaueth, or taketh

keth by force of any ſuche licence, or licences, vnion, tolleration, or diſ-penſation. And where alſo in the ſayde Acte it was ordeyned and enacted, that yf anye perſon or perſons dyd procure, or obtayne at the Courte of Rome, or elles where, any maner of licence, or diſpenſation to be non reſidente at theyr dignities, prebende, or benefices, contrary to the ſayde Acte, that then euery ſuche perſon or perſons, puttynge in execution any ſuche diſpenſation, or licence for hym ſelfe from the ſayde fyrſt daye of Apryll, in the ſayde yeare of our Lorde God, a M. fyue hundred, and thyrtye, ſhoulde runne and incurre, in the penaltie, damage, and payne of .xx. li. ſter. for euery tyme ſo doynge, to be forfayted and recouered, as by the ſayd Acte is declared. And yet ſuche licence, or diſpenſation ſo procured, or to be put in execution, to be voyde, and of none effecte, as by the ſame acte more playnely it doth, and may appeare.

Be it enacted by thauctorite of this preſente parliamente, that as muche onely of the ſayde Acte as concerneth the articles, and clauſes aforeſayde, and al, and euery the wordes and ſentences, conteyned in the ſayde Acte, concernyng the ſayde articles, and clauſes, and euerye of them, ſhall from henceforth be repealed, adnulled, reuoked, adnichilated, and vtterly made voyde for euer. Anye thinge in the ſayde acte to the contrary in any wyſe, notwithſtandynge.

And where alſo at the ſeſſion of the ſame parliament, holden vpon prorogation, in the .xxiii. yeare of the reygne of the ſayde late kynge Henry theyght, one Act, entituled: the act that no perſon ſhalbe cited out of the dioceſſe, where he or ſhe dwelleth, except in certayne caces. And where alſo at the ſayde parliament, in the ſeſſion holden at Weſtminſter vpon prorogation, in the .xxiiii. yeare of the reigne of the ſaid late kynge Henry theyght, one acte was made, that appeales in ſuche caſes as hath bene vſed to be purſued to the ſea of Rome, ſhould not from thenſforth be had nor vſed, but within this realme. And where alſo at the ſayd parliament holden at Weſtminſter, in the .xxi. yeare of the reygne of the ſayde late kynge Henry the eyght, and there continued by diuers prorogations, vntyll the .xiiii. daye of Apryll, in the xxvii. yeare of his reygne, one acte was made concerning reſtraintes of paymentes of annates, and fyrſte fruytes of Archebyſhoprykes, and Byſhoprykes to the Sea of Rome. And where at a Seſſion of the ſayde parliament, holden in the .xxb. yeare of the reygne of the ſayde late kynge, there was alſo made one acte, entituled: the ſubmiſſion of the clergye to the kynges Maieſtie, and one other acte entituled, one Acte reſtraynyng the ſayde paymentes of annates or fyrſte fruytes to the byſhop of Rome, and of the electinge and conſecratyng of the Archebyſhoppes and Byſhoppes within this realme. And one other act was then and there made, entituled: an acte concerning the exoneration of the kynges ſubiectes, from exactions, and impoſitions

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before that tyme payde to the Sea of Rome, and for hauing licences and dispensations within this realme, without suyng further for the same.

Be it enacted by thauctoritie of this present parliamente, that the sayde seuerall actes made for the restraynt of the payment of the sayd annates, and fyrste fruytes, and all other the sayd Actes, made in the sayde. xxiiii. and. xxv. yeares of the reygne of the sayde late kyng, and euery of them, and al, and euery braunche, article, matter, and sentēce in them, and euery of them conteyned, shalbe by thauctoritie of this present parliament from henceforth vtterly voyde, made frustrate, and repelled, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that al, and euery these actes folowynge, That is to saye: one acte made at the session of the sayde parliament holden vpon prorogation at Westm. in the. xxvi. yeare of the reygne of the sayd late kynge Henry theyght, entituled: an acte concerning the kynges highnes to be supreame heade of the churche of England, and to haue auctoritie to refourme and redresse al errours, heresies, and abuses, in the same. And one other acte made in the same session of the same parliamente entituled: an acte for nomination, and consecration of Suffragans within this realme. And one other acte made in the. xxvii. yeare of the reygne of the sayd late kynge Henry the eyghte, entituled: an act whereby the kynge shoulde haue power to nominate. xxxii. persons of his Clergye and Laye fee, for makynge of Ecclesiasticall lawes. And also one other acte, made at the parliament holden at Westminster, in the. xxviii. yeare of the reygne of the sayd late kyng Henrie the eyght, entituled: and acte extinguyshynge thauctoritie of the Bysshop of Rome. And one other acte made in the same parliamente, entytuled: an acte for the release of suche, as then had opteyned, pretended lycences, and dyspensations from the Sea of Rome. And also all that parte of the acte, made in the sayde. xxviii. yeare of the sayde kynge, entituled: an acte for the establyshmente of the Succession of the imperiall crowne of the realme, that concerneth a prohibition to marrye within the degrees expressed in the sayde Acte. And also one other Acte, made at the parliamente holden at Westminster, in the. xxxi. yeare of the reygne of the sayde late kynge Henrye the eyghte entytuled: an acte auctorisynge the kynges hyghnes to make Bysshoppes by his lettres patentes. And one other acte made in the session of the same parliament, begon in the sayd. xxxi. yeare, holden vpon prorogation, the. xxxii. yeare of the reygne of the sayde kynge Henrye the eyghte, entituled: an acte concernynge precontractes of marryages, and touchynge degrees of consanguinitie. And one other act made in the parliament holden at Westminster, in the. xxxv. yeare of the reygne of the sayde late kynge Henry theyght, entituled: an act for

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the ratification of the kynges maiesties style, shall henceforth be repealed, made frustrate, voyde, and of none effect. And where also at the sayd parliament holden at Westminster, in the .xxvb. yeare of ỹ raygne of the sayd late kyng Henry theyght, one other acte was made, entituled: an Acte concernyng the establyshment of the succession of the sayd kyng in the Imperial Crowne of this realme: In the which acte there is a fourme of a corporall othe, deuised and set forthe, that euerye subiecte of this realme, should be bounde to take agaynst the power, auctoritie, and iurisdiction of the Sea of Rome. Be it enacted by the auctoritie of thys present Parliament, that so muche of the sayd Acte, as toucheth the sayd othe agaynst the supremacie, and all othes therevpon had, made, and gyuen, shalbe from henceforth vtterly voide, repealed, and of none effect. And where also one other acte was made in the xxxbij. yeare of the raygne of the sayd late kyng Henry theyght, entituled: an acte that doctours of ciuyll lawe, beyng married, myghte exercyse ecclesiasticall iurisdiction. Be it enacted by thauctoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayd acte last before mentioned, and all, and euerye braunche, article, sentence, and matter, conteyned in the same, shall from henceforth be repealed, and vtterly made voyde, and of none effect.

And where one other acte was made at the first session of the Parliament, holden at Westmynster, in the first yeare of the raygne of king Edward the sixte, entituled: an acte for the repeale of certayne Statutes, concernyng treasons, felonies. &c. In the whych acte amongest other thynges there is contayned certayne prouisions, paynes, penalties, and forfaytures, for, and agaynste suche, as shoulde by open preachynges, expresse wordes, sayinges, wrytyng, pryntyng, ouert dede, or acte affirme, or set forth, that the kyng of thys realme for the tyme being, is not, or ought not to be supreame heade in earth, of the churches of Englande and Irelande, ne of any of them, or that the Bysshoppe of Rome, or anye other person, or persons, other then the kynge of Englande for the time being, is, or ought to be supreame heade of the same churches, or any of them, as in the same acte last before rehearsed more at large is contayned, and may appeare. Be it enacted by thauctoritie of this present Parliament, that these clauses before rehearsed, and other of the sayde acte, concernyng the supremacie, and all, and euerye braunche, article, wordes, and sentence, in the same soundyng, or tendyng to the derogation of the supremacie of the Popes holines, or the Sea of Rome, and all paynes, penalties, & forfaytures, made agaynst them, that should by any meanes set forth, or extolle the sayd supremacie, shalbe from henceforth vtterly voyde, and of none effect.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd, that all clauses, sentences, and articles of euery other Statute, or acte of Parliament, made sithens the sayd .xx. yeare of the raygne of kynge Henrye theyght,

theyght, agaynſt the ſupreame aucthoritie of the Popes holines, or Sea Apoſtolike of Rome, or conteynyng any other matter of the ſame effecte onelye, that is repealed in any of the Statutes aforeſayde, ſhalbe alſo by aucthoritie hereof from hencefoorth vtterly voyde, fruſtrate, and of none effect.

And where we your moſt humble ſubiectes, the Lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and commons in this preſente Parliamente aſſembled, haue exhibited to youre Maieſties one other ſupplication in forme folowinge.

We the Lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, repreſentyng the whole bodye of thys realme, reduced and receaued by your maieſties interceſſion to the vnitie of Chriſtes Churche, and the obedience of the Sea Apoſtolike of Rome, and the Popes holynes gouernyng the ſame, make moſt humble ſuite vnto your maieſties, to be likewiſe meanes and interceſſours, that all occaſion of contention, hatred, grudge, ſuſpition, and trouble, both outwardlye and inwardly in mens conſciences, whych myghte aryſe amongeſt vs, by reaſon of diſobedience, may by aucthoritie of the Popes holynes, and by miniſtration of the ſame vnto vs, by the mooſte reuerende father in God, ỹ Lord Cardinal Poole, by diſpenſation, toleration, or permiſſion reſpectiuelye, as the cace ſhall require, be abolyſhed, and taken awaye, and by aucthoritie ſufficiente theſe articles folowyng, and generallye all others, when anye occaſion ſhall ſo require, maye be prouided for, and confyrmed.

Fyrſt that all Byſchoprykes, cathedrall churches, hoſpitalles, colleges, ſchooles, and other ſuche foundations nowe continuing, made by aucthoritie of Parliament, or otherwyſe eſtabliſſhed, accordyng to the ordre of the lawes of thys realme, ſithens thys ſciſme, maye be confirmed and continued for euer.

Item that marriages made *infra gradus prohibitos conſanguinitatis, affinitatis, cognationis ſpiritualis*, or whych myght be made voyde *propter impedimentum publicæ honeſtatis, iuſtitiæ*, or for anye other cauſe, prohibited by the canons onelye, maye be confyrmed, and chyldren borne of thoſe marriages declared legittimate, ſo as thoſe marriages were made, accordyng to the lawes of the realme for the time beyng, and be not directly agaynſt the lawes of God, nor in ſuche cace, as the Sea Apoſtolike hathe not vſed to diſpence wythall.

That inſtitutions of benefices, and other promotions eccleſiaſtical, and diſpenſations, made accordyng to the forme of the acte of Parliament, maye be lykewyſe confirmed.

That all iudiciall proceſſes, made before anye ordinaries of thys realme, or before any delegates vpon any appeales, accordyng to thordre of the lawes of the realme, may be likewiſe ratified and confirmed.

And finallye where certayne actes and ſtatutes haue bene made in

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the tyme of the late ſciſme, concerninge the landes, and hereditamentes of Archebiſſhoprykes, and Biſſhoprikes, the ſuppreſſion, and diſſolution of monaſteries, Abbayes, prioryes, chauntries, colleges, and al other the goodes and cattels of religious houſes. Synce the whiche tyme, the ryght, and dominion of certayne landes, and hereditamentes, goodes and cattels, belongynge to the ſame, be diſperſed abroade, and come to the handes, and poſſeſſions of diuers and ſondrye perſons, who by gyfte, purchaſe, exchaunge, and other meanes, accordynge to the order of the lawes and ſtatutes of this realme, for the tyme beynge, haue the ſame. For the auoydinge of all ſcruples that myght growe by any thoccaſions aforeſaid, or by any other wayes or meanes, whatſoeuer: It maye pleaſe youre maieſties, to be interceſſours, and mediatours, to the ſayde moſte reuerende father, Cardinall Pole, that all ſuche cauſes, and quarels, as by pretence of the ſaid ſciſme, or by any other occaſion, or meane whatſoeuer, myghte be moued by the Popes holynes, or Sea Apoſtolyke, or by any other iuriſdiction Eccleſiaſticall, maye be vtterly remoued, and taken awaye, ſo as all perſons hauynge ſufficient conueyaunce of the ſayd landes, and hereditamentes, goodes and cattels, as is aforeſayd, by the common lawes, actes, or Statutes of this realme, maye withoute ſcruple of conſcience, enioye them without impechement or trouble by pretence of anye generall counſayle, Cannons, or Eccleſiaſticall lawes, & cleare from all daungers of the cenſures of the churche.

And conformablie herevnto, the Byſſhoppes and Cleargye of the prouynce of Cantorburie haue preſented to your maieſties a ſupplication, in this tenour that foloweth.

Nos Epiſcopi & Clerus Cantuarienſis prouinciæ in hac Synodo more noſtro ſolito, dum Regni parliamẽtũ celebratur, congregati, cum omni debita humilitate & reuerẽtia, exponimus Maieſtatibus veſtris, quòd licet Eccleſiarum, quibus in Epiſcopos, Decanos, Archidiaconos, rectores, & uicarios præfecti ſumus, & animarũ, quæ nobis & curæ noſtræ ſubiectæ ſunt, & earundem bonorum iuriſdictionum, & iurium, ex ſacrorum Canonum diſpoſitione, defenſores & curatores conſtituti ſumus, & propterea ipſarum bona, iuriſdictiones, & iura in pernicioſo huius Regni præterito ſciſmate deperdita & amiſſa, omni ſtudio, & totis noſtris uiribus, recuperare, & ad priſtinum Eccleſiarum ius reuocare, iuris remedijs niti deberemus: Nichilominus tamen habito prius per nos ſuper hac re maturo Conſilio, & deliberatione ingenuè fatemur, nos optimè cognoſcere, quàm hæc bonorum Eccleſiaſticorum difficilis, & quaſi impoſſibilis eſſet recuperatio, propter multiplices, ac pene inextricabiles ſuper hijs habitos contractus, & aſſpo-

ſitiones,& quòd ſi ea tentaretur,quies & tranquillitas Regni facilè perturbaretur,& unitas Eccleſiæ Catholicæ,quæ iam pietate, & auctoritate Maieſtatum ueſtrarum hoc in Regno introducta eſt, cum maxima difficultate ſuum debitum progreſſum, et finem ſortiri poſſet. Ideo nos bonum & quietem publicam priuatis commoditatibus, & ſalutem tot animarum prætioſo Chriſti ſanguine redemptarum terrenis bonis anteponentes, & non quæ noſtra, ſed quæ Ieſu Chriſti ſunt quærentes, Maieſtates ueſtras enixè rogamus, eiſq; humiliter ſupplicamus, ut reuerendiſſimo in Chriſto patri, domino Reginaldo Cardinali Polo, ad ipſas, & uniuerſum hoc Angliæ regnum ſanctiſſimi domini noſtri, Domini Iulij, Papæ tertij, & Apoſtolicæ ſedis de latere legato, hæc nomine noſtro inſinuare, & apud eum intercedere dignentur, ut in hiis bonis Eccleſiaſticis in parte, uel in toto arbitrio ſuo iuxta facultates ſibi ab eodem ſanctiſſimo domino noſtro Papa conceſſas, eorundem bonorum detentoribus elargiendis et relaxandis publicum bonum priuato, pacem & tranquillitatem diſſidijs, & perturbationibus, atq; animarum ſalutem bonis terrenis præferre, & anteponere uelit. Nos enim in omnibus quæ ab ipſo legato ſtatuta, & ordinata circa hæc bona fuerint, ex nunc, prout extunc, & econtra conſenſum noſtrum præſtamus, imo etiam ut in præmiſſis ſe difficilem aut reſtrictum reddere non uelit, maieſtates ueſtræ noſtro nomine eum hortari, & rogare dignabuntur. Inſuper maieſtatibus ueſtris ſupplicamus, ut pro ſua pietate efficere dignentur, ut ea quæ ad iuriſdictionem noſtram, & libertatem Eccleſiaſticam pertinent, ſine quibus debitum noſtri paſtoralis officij & curæ animarum nobis commiſſæ exercere non poſſumus, nobis ſuperiorum temporum iniuria ablata reſtituantur, & ea nobis, & Eccleſijs perpetuo illeſa & ſalua permaneant, & ut omnes leges, quæ hanc noſtram iuriſdictionem, & libertatem Eccleſiaſticam tollunt, ſeu quouis modo impediunt, abrogentur ad honorem dei, & maieſtatum ueſtrarum, & uniuerſi huius Regni Spirituale, & temporale commodum, et ſalutem, certam ſpem etiam habentes, Maieſtates ueſtras, pro ſua ſingulari in ipſum deum pietate, proq; multis et inſignibus ab ipſius Dei bonitate acceptis beneficijs neceſſitatibus, et incommodis huius ſui Regni Eccleſiarum maximè curam animarum habentium nunq; defuturas eſſe, ſed prout opus fuerit, conſulturas atq; prouiſuras.

Forasmuche as the sayde moost reuerende father, the Lorde Legate, at the intercession of your maiesties, hath by thauctorite of the Sea Apostolyke, sufficiently dispensed in the matters specified in the sayd seuerall supplications, as in his sayde letters of dispensation is conteyned more at large. The tenor wherof ensueth.

Reginaldus

Reginaldus miseratione diuina Sanctæ Mariæ in Cosmodin Sanctæ Romanæ Ecclesiæ, Diaconus, Cardinalis Polus nuncupatus, ad Serenissimos Philippum & Mariam, Angliæ Reges, fidei defensores, & uniuersum Angliæ regnum, Sanctissimi Domini nostri Papæ, & sedis Apostolicæ delatere legatus, eisdem Serenissimis Philippo & Mariæ Regibus salutem in Domino sempiternam. Cùm supremum consilium istius regni parlamentũ nuncupatum Maiestatibus uestris, per suos supplices libellos exposuisset, quòd perniciocissimo scismate, in hoc regno aliâs uigente, quod nunc dei misericordia, & maiestatum uestrarum pietate extinctum est, authoritatem ipsius parlamenti, nonnulli Episcopatus diuisi, & ex his aliquæ inferiores Ecclesiæ, in cathedrales erectæ, & scholæ, atque hospitalia fundata, necnon plurimæ dispensationes & beneficiorum prouisiones factæ fuerũt, ac multæ personæ quibus persuasum fuerat: Iuris Canonici dispositiones, hoc in Regno amplius locum non habere: inter se in gradibus consanguinitatis uel affinitatis de iure prohibitis, & alijs impedimentis Canonicis sibi obstantibus matrimonia, per uerba de præsenti contraxerunt, et multi actus iudiciarij, & processus, tam in primis, quàm ulterioribus instantijs super rebus spiritualibus, & Ecclesiasticis coram iudicibus tam Ordinarijs quàm delegatis, qui authoritate laicali procedebant, habiti & seruati, ac super eis etiã sententiæ latæ, et promulgatæ fuerũt, et bona ecclesiastica per diuersas eiusdem regni personas occupata, et apprehensa fuerunt: Quæ quidem licet ex sacrorum Canonum institutis irrita declarari possent, tamen si ad alium statum, quàm in quo nunc sunt, reuocarentur, publica pax, & quies uniuersi regni turbaretur, et maxima confusio oriretur, præsertim si dictorum bonorum possessores molestarentur, et propterea maiestatibus uestris humiliter supplicauerint, ut apud nos intercedere dignentur, ut præmissarum rerum firmitati, et stabilitati, & simul huius Regni quieti, et tranquillitati de benignitate Apostolica prouidere uelimus. Cumque Episcopi quoque deindè, ac reliquus prouinciæ Cantuariensis Clerus totum ferè corpus Ecclesiasticum regni representans, ad quos hæc bonorum Ecclesiasticorum causa maximè pertinet, exposuerint, quòd hæc bona ad ius ecclesiarum reuocare non possunt, quin pax uniuersalis, & quies huius regni turbetur, et causa fidei atq; unitatis Ecclesiæ, iam toto omnium consensu hoc in regno introducta, in maximum periculum adducatur, et propterea ipsi quoque supplicauerint, ut apud nos intercedere uelint, ut in his bonis Ecclesiasticis possessoribus relaxandus restricti et difficiles esse nollemus, maiestates autem uestræ, ad quas maxime spectat prouidere, ut regnũ ipsarũ potestati, regimini et curæ commissum in pace et tranquillitate con-

ſeruetur: His ſupplicationibus et poſtulatis cognitis et mature cõſideratis, iudicauerint ea omnia, et maxime illa, quæ in bonorũ eccleſiaſticorũ cauſa petuntur, pro cauſa fidei et pro pace publica, per nos debere ſine ulla dilatione cõcedi, et quẽadmodũ rogata fuerunt, apud nos intercedere dignata fuerint, prout in ſupplicationibus per idem ſupremum conſilium, et Epiſcopos ac clerum præfatum maieſtatibus ueſtris porrectis, atque in libello interceſſionis per eaſdem maieſtates ueſtras nobis ſimul cum alijs ſupplicationibus exhibito, latius apparet. Idcirco nos qui ad maieſtates ueſtras, et hoc nobiliſſimum ueſtrum regnum à Sanctiſſimo Domino noſtro Iulio Papa tertio ipſius et ſedis Apoſtolicæ de latere legati miſſi ſumus, ut regnum iſtud, quod iam diu ab Eccleſiæ Catholicæ unitate ſeparatum fuerat, Deo et Eccleſiæ Chriſti, einſq; in terris uicario reconciliaremus: & ut ea omnia quæ ad pacẽ et tranquillitatem huius regni pertinerent, omni ſtudio procuraremus, poſtquam dei benigitate, et maieſtatum ueſtrarum pietate, per authoritatem eiuſdem Sanctiſſimi Domini noſtri Papæ, cuius uices hic ſuſtinemus, reconciliatio iam facta eſt, ut paci et tranquillitati regni præfati conſulamus, atque ut unitas eccleſiæ, ex qua ſalus tot animarum præcioſo Chriſti ſanguine redemptarum dependet, hoc in regno iam introducta corroboraretur, & ſalua permaneat, cùm utriuſq; rei ſtabilitatem in eo maximè conſiſtere, ſi horum Eccleſiaſticorum bonorum poſſeſſoribus moleſtia nulla inferatur quo minus ea teneant, tot et tam grauia teſtimonia nobis fidem faciant, et maieſtatum ueſtrarum interceſsio, quæ pro unitate Eccleſiæ, et ſedis Apoſtolicæ auctoritate hoc in regno inſtauranda tam ſtudioſè, et tam piè elaborarunt, eam quam par eſt auctoritatem apud nos habeat, et ut uniuerſum hoc regum ſedis Apoſtolicæ maternam uerè indulgentiã, et charitatem erga ſe agnoſcat, et re ipſa experiatur: quoſcunq; ad quos infra ſcripta pertinẽt, à quibusuis excommunicationis, ſuſpenſionis, et interdicti, alijsq; eccleſiaſticis ſentẽtijs, cẽſuris, et pœnis à iure, uel ab homine quauis occaſione uel cauſa latis, ſi quibus quomodolibet innodati exiſtunt, ad effectum præſentium dumtaxat conſequendum harum ſerie abſoluentes, et abſolutos fore cenſentes, auctoritate Apoſtolica, per litteras Sanctiſſimi domini noſtri, domini Iulij Papæ tertij nobis conceſſa, et qua fungimur in hac parte, tenore præſentium diſpenſamus: quòd omnes et ſingulæ Cathedralium Eccleſiarum erectiones, hoſpitalium, et ſcholarũ fundationes tempore præteriti ſciſmatis, licet de facto et nulliter attẽtatæ in eo ſtatu, in quo nunc ſunt, perpetuo firmæ et ſtabiles permaneant, illiſq; Apoſtolicæ firmitatis robur adijcimus, ita ut non ea auctoritate, qua prius, ſed ea, quam nunc eis tribuimus, factæ ab omnibus cenſeantur, et cum

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omnibus & singulis personis regni prædicti, quæ in aliquo consanguinitatis, uel affinitatis gradu etiam multiplici, uel cognationis spiritualis, seu publicæ honestatis iustitiæ impedimento de iure positiuo introductis, & in quibus sanctissimus dominus noster Papa dispensare consueuit, matrimonia scienter uel ignoranter de facto contraxerint, ut aliquo impedimentorum premissorum, non obstante in eorum matrimonijs, sic contractis libere, & licitè remanere, seu illa de nouo contrahere possint, misericorditer in domino dispensamus, prolem susceptam, & suscipiendam legitimam, decernentes, ita tamen ut qui scienter et malitiosè contraxerint, à sententia excõmunicationis, et ab incestus seu sacrilegij reatu, absolutionẽ â suo ordinario, uel curato, quibus id faciendi facultatem concedimus, obtineant, ac omnes Ecclesiasticas seculares, seu quorumuis ordinum regulares personas quæ aliquas impetrationes, dispensationes, concessiones, gratias, et indulta, tam Ordines quàm beneficia Ecclesiastica, seu alias spirituales materias prætensa auctoritate supremitatis Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ licet nulliter, & de facto obtinuerint, & ad cor reuersæ Ecclesiæ unitati restitutæ fuerint, in suis Ordinibus, & beneficijs per nos ipsos, seu à nobis ad id deputatos, misericorditer recipiemus, prout iam multæ receptæ fuerunt, secumq; super his opportunè in Domino dispensauimus. Ac omnes processus in quibus uis instantijs coram quibusuis iudicibus, tam ordinarijs quàm delegatis, etiam laicis super materijs spiritualibus habitos & formatos, & sentẽtias super eis latas, licet nulliter et de facto, quoad nullitatem ex defectu iurisdictionis præfato tantum insurgentem sanamus, illosq;, & illas auctoritate Apostolica confirmamus. Ac quibusuis huius regni personis, ad quarum manus bona Ecclesiastica ex quocunq; contractu seu titulo oneroso uel lucratiuo iam deuenerint, illaque tenuerint, seu etiam tenent, omnes & quoscunq; fructus ex eisdẽ bonis, licet indebitè perceptos, in totum remittimus & relaxamus. Volentes ac decernentes, quòd dictorum bonorum Ecclesiasticorum tam mobilium quàm immobilium possessores præfati non possint in præsenti, nec in posterum, seu per consiliorum generalium, uel prouincialium dispositiones, seu decretales Romanorũ pontificum Epistolas, seu aliam quamcunq; censurã ecclesiasticã in dictis bonis, seu eorundẽ possessione molestari, inquietari, uel perturbari, nec eis aliquæ cẽsuræ uel pœnæ ecclesiasticæ propter huiusmodi detentionem, seu non restitutionẽ irrogari uel infligi, & sic per quoscunque iudices, & auditores sublata eis, quauis aliter iudicandi & interpretandi facultate, et auctoritate iudicari & diffiniri debere, & quicquid secus attemptari contigerit, irritum & inane fore decernimus, non obstantibus præmissis defectibus, & quibusuis

Apostolicis, ac in prouincialibus, et sinodalibus concilijs editis, specialibus uel generalibus constitutionibus, & ordinationibus, cæterisque contrarijs quibuscunque. Admonemus tamen cùm diuisio Episcopatuum, & erectio Cathedralium Ecclesiarum sint de maioribus causis, quæ summo pontifici sunt reseruatæ, recurrendum esse ad suam Sanctitatem, & ab ea supplici ter postulandum, ut hæc confirmare, seu de nouo facere dignetur. Et licet omnes res mobiles Ecclesiarum indistinctè ijs, qui eos tenent relaxaueri mus, eos tamen admonitos esse uolumus, ut ante oculos habentes diuini iudicij seueritatem contra Balthasarem Regem Babilonis, qui uasa sacra non à se, sed à patre è templo ablata in prophanos usus conuertit ea proprijs Ecclesijs si extant, uel alijs restituant. Hortantes etiam, & per uiscera misericordiæ Iesu Christi obtestantes eos omnes, quos hæc res tangit, ut salutis suæ non omnino immemores, hoc saltem efficiant, ut ex bonis Ecclesiasticis, maxime ijs, quæ ratione personatuum & uicariatuũ populi ministrorum sustentationi fuerint specialiter destinata, seu alijs Cathedralibus, & alijs quæ nunc extant, inferioribus Ecclesijs curam animarum exercentibus ita prouideatur, ut earum pastores, personæ & uicarij commodè, & honeste iuxta eorum qualitatem, & statum sustentari possint, & curam animarum laudabiliter exercere, & onera incumbentia congruè supportare. Datum Lambeth prope Londinum VVintonien. Dioces. Anno Natiuitatis domini Millesimo, quingentesimo, quinquagesimo quarto. Nono Cal. Ianuarij Pontif. Sanctissimi in Christo patris, & Domini nostri, Domini Iulij, diuina prouidentia Papæ tertij. Anno quinto.

Reginaldus Cardinalis Polus Legatus.

We the sayd lordes spirituall and temporall, and commons in thys present parliament assembled, rendryng most humble thankes to your maiesties, by whose intercession and meanes we haue obteyned the sayd dispensations of the popes holynes by the sayd moste reuerende father in God, hys legate, most humbly beseecheth the same, that it may be ordeined as foloweth.

And therfore be it enacted by thauctoritie of this present parliamẽt, that al, & singuler articles & clauses conteined in the said dispensation, as well touchyng the establyshment of Bysshoprykes, and cathedrall churches, as also the confirmation of marriages in degrees prohibited by the canons of the churche, the legittimation of chyldren, and the ratification of processe, and of sentences in matters ecclesiasticall, touchyng the inualiditie of them for wante of iurisdiction, and the institutions and destitutions, of, and in benefices and promotions ecclesiasticall, dispensations, and graces, gyuen by suche order, as the publyke lawes of the realme then approued, and all other thynges before

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conteyned in the sayd letters of dispensation, shall remayne and be reputed and taken, to all intentes and constructions in the lawes of this realme, lawfull, good, and effectuall to be alledged and pleaded in all courtes ecclesiasticall and temporall, for good and sufficiente matter, eyther for the playntife or defendaunt, wythout any allegation, or objection, to be made agaynst the validitie of them, by pretence of any generall counsayle, canon, or decree, to the contrarye made, or to be made in that behalfe.

And where as diuerse and sondrye late Monasteries, Priories, Commaundries, Nonneries, Deaneries, Prebendes, Colleges, Hospitalles, Howses of Friars, Chauntreys, and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, and the manours, graunges, mesuages, landes, tenementes, rectories, tithes, pentions, portions, vicareges, churches, chappels, aduousons, nominations, patronages, annuities, rentes, reuertions, seruices, and other possessions, and hereditamentes to the sayd late monasteries, priorye, nonnerye, commaundries, deanerye, chauntrye, prebendes, houses of Fryars, colleges, hospytalles, and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, and to sondrye Archebyshoprykes and Byshoprykes wythin thys realme, late apperteynyng and belongyng, came as well to the handes & possession of the sayd kyng of famous memorye Henrye theyghte, father vnto your maiestie, our sayde soueraygne Ladye by dissolution, gyfte, graunte, surrendre, attayndre, or otherwyse, as also to the handes and possession of diuerse and sondrye other persons, and bodyes polytyke and corporate, by sondrye meanes, conueyaunces, and assuraunces, according to the ordre of the lawes and statutes of thys realme.

And where also diuerse manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes percell of the possessions of Archebishoprykes and Bishoprykes, and manye and sondrye late deanerye, colleges, chauntreys, rectorye, prebendes, free chappelles, guyldes, and fraternities, manours, houses, graunges, landes, tenementes, rentes, seruises, and other ecclesiasticall possessions, and hereditamentes, goodes, and cattels to the sayd Archebyshoprykes, Byshoprykes, deanerye, colleges, chauntreys, free chappelles, rectories, guyldes, and fraternities, late appertaynyng, and belongyng, or appoynted, to and for the fyndyng of prestes obyttes, lyghtes, or other lyke purpose, came as wel to the handes & possession of the late noble kyng Edward the syxt, brother vnto your maiestie soueraygne Ladye, by vertue of an acte of parliament thereof made, or otherwyse, as also to the handes and possession of diuerse and sondrye other persons, and bodies polytyke and corporate by sondrye meanes, conueyaunces, and assuraunces, according to the ordre of the lawes of this realme: a great nombre, of which sayd late monasteries, priorye, nonnerye, commaundries, deanries, colleges, hospitalles, prebendes, chauntries, free chappelles, guyldes,

and fraternities, and the mannours, graunges, meſuages, landes, tene-
mentes, rentes, reuercions, ſeruyces, tythes, pentions, portions, vica-
reges, churches, chappelles, aduouſons, nominations, patronages, an-
nuities, and hereditamentes, goodes, and cattels, to the ſayd monaſte-
ries, prioryes, nonneryes, commaundryes, deaneryes, colleges, hoſpi-
talles, chauntryes, free chappelles, guyldes, fraternities, and other ec-
cleſiaſticall houſes, Archebyſhoprykes, and Byſhoprykes, belonging
as well for great ſommes of moneye, as for other good, and reaſona-
ble cauſes and conſiderations, haue bene conueyed and aſſured to di-
uerſe the ſubiectes, and bodyes polityke of thys realme, aſwel by the
ſayd kyng Henrye theyght, the ſayd kyng Edward the ſyxte, and by
your hyghnes our ſoueraygne Ladye, and ioyntely by both your ma-
ieſties, as alſo by diuerſe the owners of the ſayd eccleſiaſticall poſſeſſi-
ons, whych ſayd conueyaunces and aſſuraunces by their ſondrye let-
terspatentes, and other wrytynges more playnlye do and maye ap-
peare. Foraſmuche as the ſayd moſt reuerende father hath alſo by the
ſayd diſpenſation, remoued and taken awaye al matter of empeache-
ment, trouble, and daunger, whych by occaſion of anye generall coun-
ſayle, canon, or decree eccleſiaſticall myghte touche and diſquiete the
poſſeſſions of ſuche goodes moueable, landes, tenementes, poſſeſſions,
and hereditamentes, as were of late belongyng to anye of the ſayde
Archebyſhoprykes, Byſhoprykes, monaſteries, prioryes, nonneries,
commaundryes, deaneryes, colleges, chauntries, prebendes, rectori-
es, hoſpitalles, houſes of fryars, or other religious and eccleſiaſticall
houſes, and places, of what nature, name, kind, or qualitie ſoeuer they
be of. Yet for that the tytle of all landes, poſſeſſions, and hereditamen-
tes in thys your maieſties realme and dominions is grounded in the
lawes, ſtatutes, and cuſtomes of the ſame, and by your hyghe iuriſdic-
tion, aucthoritie royall, and crowne imperiall, and in your courtes on-
lye to be impleaded, ordered, tryed, and iudged, and none otherwyſe,
and vnderſtandyng, that the whole, full, and moſte gratious intente,
mynd and determination of your moſt excellent maieſties be, that al,
and euery perſon and perſons, bodyes polityke and corporate, theyr
heyres, ſucceſſours, and aſſignes, and euerye of them, ſhall haue, kepe,
retayne, and enioye all and euerye their eſtates, ryghtes, poſſeſſions,
and intereſtes, that they and euerye of them nowe hathe, or hereafter
ſhall haue, of, and in all and euery the mannours, graunges, meſuages,
landes, tenementes, tithes, pentions, portions, aduouſons, nominati-
ons, patronages, annuities, rentes, reuercions, ſeruices, hundredes,
wapentakes, liberties, frauncheſies, and other the poſſeſſions and he-
reditamentes of the ſayd monaſteries, abbeyes, prioryes, nonneryes,
commaundryes, deaneries, colleges, prebendes, hoſpitalles, houſes of
fryars, chauntries, rectories, vicareges, churches, chappelles, Arche-
byſhoprykes, and Byſhoprykes, and other religious or eccleſiaſticall

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houſes and places, or of any of them wythin thys realme, or the dominions of the ſame by ſuche lawes and ſtatutes, as were in force before the fyrſt daye of thys preſent Parliamente, and by other lawfull conueyaunce to them thereof made.

That it maye be therfore enacted by thauctoritie of thys preſente parliament, that aſwell your maieſtie ſoueraygne Ladie, your heyres and ſucceſſours, as alſo all, and euerye other perſon and perſons, bodies polytyke and corporate, their heyres, ſucceſſours, and aſſignes, now hauyng, or that hereafter ſhall haue, holde, or enioye any of the ſcytes of the ſayd late monaſteries, and other the religious or eccleſiaſticall houſes or places, and all the ſaid mannours, graunges, meſuages, landes, tenementes, tythes, pentions, portions, glebe landes, aduoulons, nominations, patronages, annuities, rentes, reuertions, ſeruices, hūdredes, wapentakes, liberties, fraunchelies, profytes, commodities, and other the poſſeſſions and hereditamentes of the ſayd late monaſteries, abbeyes, priorys, nonneries, commaundries, deaneryes, colleges, prebendes, hoſpitals, houſes of friars, rectories, vicareges, chaūtries, churches, chappels, archebiſſhoprikes, biſſhoprikes, & other religious, & eccleſiaſtical houſes and places, or of any of thē, of what name, nature, or kynde ſoeuer they be, ſhall haue, holde, poſſede, retayne, kepe, and enioye all, and euery the ſayd ſcites, mannours, graunges, meſuages, landes, tenementes, poſſeſſions, profytes, commodities, and other hereditamentes, accordyng to ſuche intereſtes and eſtates, as they, and euerye of them nowe haue, or holde, or hereafter ſhall haue, or holde, of, and in the ſame by the dewe order and courſe of the lawes and ſtatutes of thys realme, whyche nowe be, or were ſtandynge in force before the firſt daye of thys preſent Parliamente, in maner and fourme, as they ſhoulde haue done, yf thys acte had neuer bene had ne made. Thys acte or anye thynge therein contayned to the contrarye in anye wyſe notwythſtandyng.

Sauyng to you our ſayd ſoueraygne Ladye, your heyres and ſucceſſours, and euery of them, and to all, and euery other perſon and perſons ſubiectes of this realme, and bodies polytyke and corporate, and to their heyres and ſucceſſours, and to the heyres and ſucceſſours of all, and euery of them, other then ſuche, whole ryght, tytle, or intereſt is bounden, or taken awaye, vndone, or extincte by any acte of Parliament heretofore made, or otherwyſe all ſuche ryght, tytle, clayme, poſſeſſion, intereſtes, rentes, annuities, commodities, commons, offyces, fees, leaſes, lyueryes, lyuynges, pentions, portions, dettes, dueties, & other profytes, whych they, or anye of them lawfullye haue, or of right ought to haue, or myght to haue, had, in, of, or to any of the premyſſes, or in, of, or to any parte, or percell thereof, in ſuche lyke maner, fourme, and condition, to all intentes, reſpectes, conſtructions, and purpoſes, as yf thys acte had neuer bene had ne made.

And

And that it maye be further enacted by aucthoritie aforesayd, that all, and euerye article, clause, sentence, and prouiso, conteyned, or specified in any acte, or actes of Parliament, concernyng, or touchynge the assuraunce, or conueyaunce of any the sayd monasteries, priories, nonneries, commaundries, deaneries, prebendes, colleges, chauntries, hospitalles, houses of friars, rectories, vicareges, churches, chappelles, Archebyshoprykes, and Bishoprykes, and other religious and ecclesiastical houses and places, or any of them, or in any wyse concernynge any mannours, landes, tenementes, profyttes, commodities, hereditamentes, or other the thynges before specified to the sayd kyng Henry the eyght, or kyng Edwarde the syxte, or eyther of them, or any other person or persons, or bodye polytyke or corporate, and euerye of them, and all, and euerye wrytyng, dede, and instrument, concernyng the assuraunce of any of the same, shall stande, remayne, and be in as good force, effect, and strengthe, and shalbe pleaded, and taken aduauntage of, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, as the same shoulde, myght, or coulde haue bene by the lawes and statutes of thys realme in case thys present acte had neuer bene had ne made.

And that all feoffamentes, fynes, surrenders, forfaytures, assurances, conueyaunces, estates, and interestes, in any wyse conueyed, had, or made to our sayd late soueraygne Lord kyng Henry theyght, or to our sayd late soueraygne Lord kyng Edwarde the syxte, or eyther of them, or to any other person or persons, bodies polytyke or corporate, or to any of them by dede or dedes, acte or actes of Parliament, or otherwise of any the scytes, mannours, landes, tenementes, possessions, profyttes, commodities, or hereditamentes of any the sayd Archebishoprykes, Bishoprykes, late monasteryes, priories, nonneries, commaundrys, deaneries, houses of fryars, colleges, chauntries, hospytalles, prebendes, free chappels, or of anye mannours, landes, tenementes, reuertions, seruices, tythes, pentions, portions, annuities, or of any other hereditamentes, of, by, or from any ecclesiasticall or spirituall person or persons, or by, or from any spirituall or ecclesiastical corporation, or body politike shalbe as good & auaylable in the lawe, to all intentes, constructions, & purposes, as they were by the lawes & statutes of thys realme standing in force before the first day of thys present parliament: And that the same maye, and shalbe pleaded, alleged, and taken aduauntage of, in suche sorte, and to suche effect, as they should, could, or myghte haue bene by the lawes and statutes of thys realme, standyng in force before the sayd fyrst daye of this present parliament: And that all, and euery clause, and article, of sauynge conteyned in all, and euerye the sayd actes and statutes, shall stande, remayne, and bein suche force, strengthe, and effecte, as they were before the sayde fyrste daye of thys present parliament. Any thyng conteyned in this present acte to the contrarye in any wyse notwythstandyng.

And

And that it may be in lyke maner enacted by aucthoritie aforesayd, that whosoeuer shall by any processe, obteyned out of any ecclesiasticall courte within this realme, or withoute, or by pretence of any spirituall iurisdiction, or otherwise, contrary to the lawes of this realme, inquiete or molest any person or persons, or bodye polytyke. for anye of the sayde mannours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, or thinges aboue specified, contrarye to the wordes, sentences, and meanynge of of this acte, shall incurre the daunger of the acte of preminire, made in the. xvi. yeare of kyng Richarde the seconde, and shall suffer & incurre the forfaytures and paynes, conteyned in the same.

Prouyded alwaye, that it shall and maye be lefull to anye person or persons, bodye politike and corporate, to sue in any competent, Ecclesiasticall, or spiritual court within this realme, for tythes, rightes, and dueties, that they or any of them shall pretende to haue, of, or oute of any the sayde manours, landes, tenementes, and other the premisses, and to haue full and perfytte remedye for the same, in such maner and fourme, as they or any of them, myght, or ought to haue done, or had by the lawes and Statutes of this realme, before the makyng of this Acte, and as thoughe this acte had neuer bene had or made.

And that it may be further prouided and enacted, by thaucthoritie aforesayde, that albeit the title or style of supremacy, or supreame head of the churche of Englande and of Irelande, or eyther of them, neuer was, ne coulde be iustelye, or lawfullye attributed or knowledged to anye kynge, or Soueraygne gouernoure of this realme, nor in anye wyse coulde, or myght, rightfully, iustely, or lawfullye, by anye kynge or Soueraigne gouernour of the same realme, be claymed, chalenged or vsed. Yet forasmuche as the sayde tytle and style, sithens the thyrd daye of Nouember, in the. xxvi. yeare of the reygne of the sayd kynge Henry theyght, hath ben vsed, and is mentioned and conteyned in diuers and sondry wryttes, letters patentes, recordes, exemplifications, courte rolles, Charters, dedes, instrumentes, euidences, bookes and wrytinges: It shalbe lawfull, aswell to, and for youre maiesties, and youre soueraygne ladies heyres and successours, as to, and for euery other person, and persons, and bodies polytike and corporate, at all tyme and tymes hereafter, to haue, retayne, and kepe the sayde wryttes, letters patentes, recordes, exemplifications, courte rolles, Charters, dedes, instrumentes, euydences, bookes, and wrytynges, and them to shewe, exhibite, vse, alledge, and pleade, in all tymes and places requisite or nedefull, without any daunger, penaltye, losse, forfeyture, trouble, vexacion, or impeachement for the same, any thynge in this acte, or in any other acte or actes, to ẏ contrarye therof in any wyse, notwithstandynge.

And where your hyghnes Soueraigne Lady, synce your coming to the crowne of this realme, of a good and Christen conscience, omitted

ted to wryte the sayde Style of Supremacye, specified in one Acte made in the parliament holden at Westminster by prorogation, in the xxxb. yeare of the reygne of your late father kynge Henry theyghte, alwell in gyftes, grauntes, letters patentes, as in commissions, and other writinges, and also other haue in theyr wrytinges done the same, alwell in your tyme as before. And forasmuche as notwithstandynge any lawe made concernyng the sayde Style of Supremacye, it was in the free choyse, libertie, and pleasure of the kynge of this realme, and of your hyghnes, whether ye woulde expresse the same in the sayde Style or not:

Be it therfore declared and enacted by aucthoritie of this presente parliament, that all grauntes, letters patentes, commyssions, inditementes, recordes, and writinges, made in youre oure Soueraygne Ladyes name, or in the names of yours Soueraigne Lorde and Lady, or any other, wherein the sayd Style of Supremacye is omitted, is, and shalbe, to all intentes and purposes, as good and effectuall, as yf the same had ben therein expressed, and may be deteined, kept, pleaded, and alleaged, without any daunger, payne penaltie, or forfaiture, to ensue to any person or persons, or bodye politike, for, or concerning the omission of the same Style, or any parte therof, in any suche wrytynges: and that no person ne persons, shalbe impeached, molested, or dampnified, for, or by reason of any suche omission.

And where in an acte of parliament made synce the sayd. xx. yeare of kynge Henry theyghte, all Bulles, dispensations, and wrytinges whiche were before that time optained from the Sea of Rome, shuld be voyde, abolished, and extinguished, with a clause, neuertheless that the matter of them, by vertue of letters patentes from the kyng then beynge, should, and myght be alleaged, pleaded, and allowed, as yf the same had not bene so abolysshed or extinguisshed. Forasmuche as the sayde Acte is here before amongest other repealed and made voyde:

Be it therfore enacted by aucthoritie of this present parliamente, that all Bulles, dispensations, and priuileges, obteyned before the sayd. xx. yeare, or at any tyme sythence, or whiche shall hereafter be opteyned of the Sea of Rome, not conteynyng matter contrarye, or preiuditiall to the aucthoritie, dignitie, or preheminence Royall, or imperiall of the realme, or to the lawes of this realme nowe beyng in force, and not in this parliament repealed, maye be put in execution, vsed, and alleaged in any courte within this realme, or elles where, whether the same remayne yet hole, or can appeare to haue ben cancelled, in as bayleable and effectuall maner, to all intentes, and purposes, as yf the sayde Acte had neuer bene had or made. Anye objection by pretence of extinguyshment, or cancellyng of the sayde Bulles, dispensacions, or priuileges, or of any other matter or cause, by the pretence of the lawes of this realme, whatsoeuer in anye wyse notwythstandynge.

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And where as by diſſolution of monaſteries, and other religious houſes, certayne paryſhe churches and chappels whiche were before exempte, from the iuriſdiction of the Archebyſhop, and Byſhop of the dioceſſe, and by ſpeciall exemption and priuiledge from Rome, were vnder the gouernement and ordre of the Abbottes, and Priours of thoſe religious houſes, whiche ſayde churches, by colour of the ſayde exemptions, be nowe of ſpeciall graunt from kynge Henry, and kyng Edwarde, vnder the rule and gouernement, and iuriſdiction of temporall and laye men, who can no more enioye that ſupremacye, ouer thoſe perticuler churches, then the kyng might ouer the hole realme.

Be it therfore enacted, that all Archebyſhoppes, and Byſhoppes in theyr dioceſſes, and all other ſpirituall perſon and perſons, hauing iuriſdiction, and theyr miniſters and officers, and no laye perſon, or perſons, in euery Churche, and place, within the precinct of the ſame, beynge exempte, or not exempte, maye freelye, and withoute impediment, execute theyr ſpirituall iuriſdiction in all poyntes and articles, as though no ſuche exemption or graunt had neuer bene made.

Prouyded alwaye, and be it enacted, that this acte extende not to take awaye, or diminiſhe the priuileges of the vniuerſities of Cambrydge and Oxforde, ne the priuileges, or prerogatiues graunted heretofore to the churches of Weſtminſter, and Wyndeſoure, ne the Tower of London, ne preiudiciall to ſuche temporall Lordes and poſſeſſioners in this realme, as by auncient cuſtome haue enioyed probate of Teſtamentes, of theyr tenauntes or other.

And foraſmuche, as after this reconſiliacion, and vnitie of this noble realme, to the bodye of Chriſtes churche, it is to be truſted, that by the aboundaunce of Goddes mercy, and grace, deuotion ſhal encreaſe and growe in the hartes of many Subiectes of this realme, with deſyre to gyue and beſtowe theyr worldlye poſſeſſions, for the reſuſcitatynge of almes, prayer, and example of good lyfe in this realme, to thintent ſuche godlye motions and purpoſes ſhoulde be aduaunced. Be it therefore enacted by the auctoritie of this preſent parliament, that it ſhalbe lawfull to ſuche as ſhalbe ſeiſed of any manours, landes, tenementes, perſonages, tythes, pencions, porcions, or other hereditamentes whatſoeuer, in fee ſymple, in poſſeſſion, reuertion, or remainder, in theyr owne rightes, not beyng coppy holde, maye therof make feoffamentes, grauntes, or any other aſſurauunces, or by his laſte wyll and Teſtament, in wrytynge, may bequeath and geue in fee ſimple, al and euery the ſayd manours, landes, tenementes, perſonages, tythes pencions, porcions, or other hereditamentes, to any ſpirituall bodye politike, or corporate in this realme or dominions of the ſame, nowe erected or founded, or hereafter to be erected or founded, withoute anye lycence of mortmayne therein to be opteyned, or anye wrytte of

ad quod dampnū to be sued out for the same, *ꝑ actes de terris ad manū mortuā non ponendis*, or any other Acte or statute heretofore had or made in anye wise notwithstandynge.

Saupnge to the Lordes of the fee, all rentes, seruices, dewe, or goinge out of anye the sayde Landes, or tenementes, or hereditamentes, so to be amortized, as is aforesayd.

Prouided alwaye, that this clause of this acte, for gyuinge the lybertie of, or for the amortyzinge of Landes or tenementes, shall contynue for, and durynge the space of .xx. yeares next, and immediately folowynge, and no lenger.

And forasmuche as we your maiesties humble and obediente subiectes, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and commons in this present parliament assembled, neyther by the makynge, or deliueringe of eyther the supplications aforesayde, nor by any clause, article, or sentence therof, or of any other clause, article, or sentence, of this, or anye other Statute, or any of the preambles of the same, made, or agreed vpon in this session of this present parliament, by any maner of interpretation, construction, implicatiō, or other wise intende to derogate, empayre, or diminisshe any of the prerogatiues, liberties, fraunchesies, preheminences, or iurisdictions of youre crowne imperyall of this realme, and other the dominions to the same belongyng: we do most humbly beseche youre maiesties, that it maye be declared, and ordeyned, and be it enacted and declared by auctoritie of this present parlyament, that neyther the makyng, exhibitinge, or insertyng, in thys present Statute, or in the preambles of the same, of the supplications or promisse aforesayd, or eyther of them, nor any other thing or thynges, wordes, sentences, clauses, or articles in the preambles, or bodye of the actes aforesayde, shalbe construed, vnderstanded, or exponded, to derogate, diminisshe, or take away any the liberties, priuileges, prerogatiues, preheminences, auctorities, or iurisdictions, or any part or parcell therof, whiche were in your imperiall crowne of this realme, or dyd belonge to your sayde imperiall crowne, the .xx. yeare of the reygne of yours the Quenes maiesties moste noble father, or anye other your moost noble progenitours, before the sayd .xx. yeare. And the Popes holynes, and Sea Apostolyke, to be restored, and to haue and enioye suche auctoritie, preheminence, and iurisdiction, as his holynes, vsed and exercised, or might haue lawfully haue vsed and exercised by thauctoritie of his supremacye, the sayde .xx. yeare of the reygne of the kyng your father, within this your realme of England, and other your dominions, without diminution, or enlargemente of the same, and none other. And the Ecclesiasticall iurisdiction of the Archebyshoppes, Byshoppes, and Ordinaries, to be in the same state, for processe of suites, punishment of crimes, and execution of censures of the churche, with knowledge of causes belongyng to the same, and

as large in these poyntes, as the sayde iurisdiction was the sayde. xx. yeare.

Prouyded alwayes, and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd, that in, and vpon euery suche gyftes and deuyses to be made to suche spirituall corporations, or persons, as is aforesayd, the donour, feoffer, or deuisor thereof may reserue to him, and to his heyres for euer, a tenure in franke almayne, or a tenure by deuyne seruice: And to haue all remedies and actions, for, and vpon the sayd gyftes, or deuyses, and tenures, in lyke maner and forme, as was vsed before the statute of Westmynster thyrde (commonly called) *Quia emptores terrarum*. The sayde statute, or any other lawe or custome nowe beyng, to the contrarye in any wyse notwythstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted, that all, and euery person and persons, and bodyes polityke and corporate, whyche nowe haue, or hereafter shall haue any estate of inheritaunce, free holde, terme, or interest, of, in, or to any portion, pention, tithes, glebelandes, or other ecclesiasticall or spirituall profyte, whych by this acte, and the letters of dispensation rehearsed in the same, be permytted & suffred to remayne and continue in laye mens possessions, shall, and may haue lyke remedie for the recouerie of the same, and euery parte thereof, as they, and euery of them myght haue had before the first daye of thys present Parliament. Any thyng in thys acte conteyned to the contrary in any wyse notwythstandyng.

An Acte for the punyshment of trayterous wordes agaynst the queenes maiestie.

The. ix. Chapiter.

FOrasmuche as now of late diuerse noughtie seditious, malicious, and hereticall persons, not hauyng the feare of god before their eyes, but in a deuyllishe sorte, contrarye to the duetie of their allegiaunce, haue congregated them selfes together in conuenticles, in diuerse and sondrye prophane places wythin thys citie of London, estemyng them selfes to be in the true fayth, where in dede they are in errours and heresyes, and out of of the true trade of Christes catholique religion, and in the same places at seuerall tymes, vsyng their phantasticall and scismaticall seruyces, lately taken awaye, and abolished by auctoritie of Parliamente, haue of their moost malicious and cankred stomakes, prayed agaynst the queenes maiestie, that God would turne her hearte from Idolatrye to the true fayth, or elles to shorten her dayes, or take her quicklie oute of the waye: whyche prayer was neuer heard nor redde to haue bene vsed by anye good Christian manne, agaynste anye

Prynce, though he were a pagan, and infidele, and much lesse agaynst any christian Prince, and especially so vertuous a Princes as oure soueraygne Lady that now is, is knowen to be, whose fayth is, and alwayes hath bene most true & catholyque, and consonante, and agreing with Christes catholique church, throughoute the worlde dispersed.

For reformation wherof, be it enacted by thauctoritie of this present parliament, that euery suche person and persons, which since the beginning of this presente parliament, haue by expresse wordes and sayinges, prayed, required, or desyred, as is aforesayde, or hereafter shall praye, by expresse wordes or sayinges, that God shoulde shorten her dayes, or take her out of the way (whose lyfe almighty God longe preserue) or any suche like malicious prayer, amountyng to the same effect, theyr procurers, and abettours therein, shalbe taken, reputed, and iudged traytours, and euery suche prayinge, requiringe, or desyring, shalbe iudged, taken, and reputed, hygh treason, and the offendours therein, theyr procurours and abettours, beynge therof lawfully conuicte, accordinge to the lawes of this realme, shal haue, suffer, and forfeyt, as in cases of hygh treason.

Prouided alwaye, and be it enacted, that if any person or persons, shall be indicted for any the offences aforesayd, done and perpetrated, duringe this session of this present parliament, and vpon his or theyr arreignemēt, shal shew him, or them selues, penitent for theyr offence, and submitte hym, or them selues, to the kynge and Queenes mercy, and humbly desyre the same, before suche Justices or commissioners, before whom, he or they shalbe arraygned, that then no iudgemente of conuiction, or attayndour of treason, shalbe geuen agaynst any such person or persons, so beyng penitent, and submitting them selues, as is aforesayd. And in euery suche case, the Justices or commissioners, before whom such person or persons shalbe arraigned, shall haue auctoritie by vertue of this Acte, to prescribe, adiudge, and appoynte, suche corporall punishment (other then death) to such offendour, and offendours, as to them by theyr discretion, shall seme conuenient, and vpon that penaunce prescribed and done, to be discharged of the sayd treason, comprised in that indytement.

¶ An acte whereby certayne offences be made treasons, and also for the gouernement of the kynges and Queenes Maiesties yssue.

The .x. Chapiter.

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FOrasmuche as the great mercye and clemencie heretofore declared by the Queenes hyghnesse in releasynge the penall lawes, made by her progenitours, hathe gyuen occasion to many cankard & trayterous hartes, to ymagine, practyse, & attempt thinges, stirring ỹ people to disobedience and rebellion agaynst her hyghnes, common pollicie, and duetie of subiectes require, that some lawe be estsones established to restraine the malice of suche wicked and euill doers, wherby they may be prohibited to blowe abroade suche shameful slaũders and lyes, as they daylye inuente and ymagine of her hyghnesse, and the kynges maiestie her mooste lawfull husbande, whyche when they be harde, can not be but odible, and detested of all good men, consideryng they touche their maiesties, vpon whome dependeth the whole vnitie, and vniuersall welthe of this realme.

In consideration whereof be it ordeyned and enacted by the kyng and the Queenes maiesties, wyth thassente of the Lordes spirituall & temporal, and of the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by thauthoritie of the same, that yf anye person or persons after the first daye of Februarie next to come, duryng the marriage betwene the king & the Queenes maiesties, do compasse or ymagine to deprive the kinges maiestie, that nowe is, from the haulynge & inioyng ioyntly together wyth the Queenes highnes the style, honoure, and kingly name of the realmes and dominions vnto our sayd soueraygne Ladie the Queenes highnes appertaynyng, or to destroye the kyng, ỹ nowe is, duryng the sayd matrimonie, or to destroye the Queenes maiestie, that nowe is, or the heyres of her bodye begotten, being kinges or Queenes of thys Realme, or to leueye warre wythin thys Realme of Englande, or wythin anye of the marches of the same, agaynst the kynges maiestie, that nowe is, duryng the sayd marriage, or agaynst the Queenes maiestie, that nowe is, or any of her sayd heyres, being kynges or Queenes of this realme, or to depose the Queenes maiestie that nowe is, or the heyres of her bodye begotten, being kinges or Queenes of this realme, from the Imperiall crowne of the realmes and dominions aboue said: And the same compasses, or ymaginations, or any of them maliciously, aduisedly, and directly, shall, or do vtter by open preachyng, expresse wordes, or sayinges, or yf any person or persons after the sayd fyrst daye of Februarye, by preaching, expresse wordes, or sayinges, shall maliciously, aduisedly, and directlye saye, publyshe, declare, maynteyne, or holde opinion, that the kynges maiestie, that nowe is, during the sayd matrimonie, ought not to haue or inioye ioyntly together wyth the Queenes maiestie the style, honoure, and kyngly name of this realme, or that any person or persons, being neyther the kyng or the Queenes maiesties, that nowe are, duryng the sayd matrimonye betwene them, ought to haue or enioye the style, ho-

noure, and kynglye name of this realme, or that the Queenes maiestie, that nowe is, duryng her lyfe, is not, or of ryght ought not to be Queene of this realme, or after her death, that the heyres of her highnes bodye being kinges or queenes of this realme, of right ought not to be kynges or queenes of this realme, or to haue, and enioye ẏ same, or that anye person or persons, other then the queenes maiestie, that nowe is, during her life, ought to be queene of this realme, or after her death, other then the heyres of her body being kynges or queenes of thys realme, as longe as any of her sayd heyres of her bodie begotten, shalbe in lyfe, of ryght ought to haue, and enioye the imperiall crowne of this realme: That then euery suche offendour, beyng thereof duely conuicted, or attaynted by the lawes of this realme, their abbettours, procurers, and counsellours, and all, and euery their comforters, knowinge the sayde offences, or anye of them to be done, and being thereof conuicted or attaynted, as is aboue sayd, for hys or theyr suche offence, shall forfayte & loose to the queenes hyghnes, her heyres and successours, all his and their goodes, and cattels, and the whole yssues and profyttes of his and their landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, for terme of the lyfe of euery suche offendour or offendours, as also shal haue, and suffer, duryng his and their lyues perpetuall imprisonment.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayd, that all, and euery ecclesiasticall person, being conuicted or attaynted in fourme aforesayd, for euery suche his offence, shalbe depriued by the ordinarye from his promotion spirituall, or ecclesiasticall, in suche like maner and forme, that it shalbe lawfull for euery patrone, founder, or giuer thereof, to present, after suche depriuation had, some one other to the same, as though the sayde offendoure or offendours were deceassed. And yf any person or persons being hereafter conuicted, or attaynted of any the sayd offences, in fourme aforesayd committed, shall after his or their conuiction, or attaynder, eftsones committe or perpetrate any of the sayd offences in fourme aforesayd: That then euerye suche seconde offence or offences shalbe demed, and adiudged hyghe treason, and the offendour or offendours therein, their abbettours, procurers, and counsellers, and all, and euery their aydours, and comforters, knowing the sayd offences, or anye of them to be done, beyng thereof conuicted or attaynted, accordyng to the lawes and statutes of thys realme, shalbe iudged, and demed highe traytours, and shall suffer paynes of death, and loose and forfayte al their goodes, and cattels, landes, and tenementes, to the queenes maiestie, her heyres, and successours, as in cases of hyghe treason, by the lawes of this realme at this daye of ryght ought to be loste and forfeyted.

And be it further enacted by the sayd aucthoritie, ẏ yf anye person or persons at any time after the sayd first daye of Februarie next to come,

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duryng the sayd marriage, compasse, or ymagine the death of the kynges maiestie, that nowe is, and the same maliciously, aduisedly, and directly shall vtter and attempte by any wrytyng, printyng, ouert dede, or acte, or yf any person or persons at any tyme after the sayd first day of Februarye next commyng, shall maliciously, aduisedly, and directly by wrytyng, prynting, ouert dede, or acte, affirme, that the kynges maiestie, that nowe is, duryng the sayd matrimonie, ought not to haue, or enioye ioyntly togethers wyth the queenes highnes, the style, honor, and kyngly name of this realme, or that anye person or persons, beyng neyther the kyng, or the queenes maiestie, that nowe is, duryng the sayd matrimonye betwene them ought to haue, or enioye the stile, honoure, and kyngly name of this realme: Or yf anye person or persons after the sayd daye, by any wrytyng, prynting, ouert dede, or acte, maliciouslye, aduisedly, and directly, do affirme, that the queenes maiestie that nowe is, duryng her lyfe, is not, or ought not to be queene of this realme, or after her death, that the heyres of her highnes body being kinges or queenes of this realme, of right ought not to haue and enioye the Imperiall crowne of this realme, or that anye person or persons, other then the queenes maiestie, that nowe is, duryng her lyfe, or after her death, other then the heyres of her body begotten, beyng kynges or queenes of this realme, as longe as any of her sayd heyres of her bodye shalbe in lyfe, of ryght ought to haue and enioye the Imperiall crowne of thys realme: That then euery suche offence and offences shalbe adiudged highe treason, & the offēder & offenders therein, their abbettours, procurers, & councellers, and all, & euery their aydours, and comforters, knowing the sayd offences, or anye of them to be done, being thereof conuicted, or attaynted by the lawes and statutes of this realme, shalbe demed and adiudged hygh traytours, and shall suffer paynes of death, and loose and forfayte all their goodes & cattels, landes, and tenementes to the queenes maiestie, her heyres and successours, as in caces of highe treason, as is aboue sayd.

And albeit we the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, haue firme hope and confidence in the goodnes of almightie God, that lyke as he hath hetherto miraculouslye preserued the queenes maiestie from many great and imminent perils and daungers, euen so he wyll of his infinite goodnes gyue her highnes strengthe, the rather by oure continuall prayers, to passe well the daunger of deliueraunce of chylde, wherewyth it hathe pleased hym, (to all our greate comfortes) to blesse her: Yet forasmuche as all thynges of thys worlde be vncerteyne, and haupnge before our eyes the dolorous experience of the inconstant gouernement duryng the tyme of the reigne of the late kynge, Edwarde the syxte, do playnely see the manifolde inconueniences, greate daungers, and perylg, that maye ensue to this whole realme, yf forelyght be not vsed

to preuent euill chaunces, yf they shoulde happen. For the eschewinge whereof, we the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, for, and in consideration of a most speciall trust and confidence, that we haue, and repose in the kinges maiestie, for, and concernyng the good and politike gouernement, order, and administration of thys realme in the tyme of the yonge yeares of the issue or issues of her maiesties body to be borne, yf it shoulde please God to call the queenes highnes out of this present lyfe, durynge the tender yeares of suche issue or issues (whiche God forbidde) accordyng to suche order and maner, as hereafter in this present acte, his highnes moost gratious pleasure is shuld be declared and sette forth, haue made our moost humble suite by thassent of the queenes highnes, that his maiestie would vouchesafe to accepte and take vpon hym the rule, order, education, and gouernement of the sayd issue or issues, to be borne, as is aforesayd, vpon whych our suite being of his sayd maiestie moost gratiously accepted: It hath pleased hys highnes not onlye to declare, that lyke as for the fyrst parte his maiestie verelye trusteth, ꝑ almightie God (who hath hetherto preserued the queenes maiestie) to giue this realme so good an hope of certeyne succesſiō in ꝑ bloude royal of ꝑ same realme, wil assist her highnes with his graces & benedictions, to see the fruicte of her bodie well brought forth, liue, and able to gouerne, whereof neyther all this realme, ne all the world besides shuld, or coulde receaue more comforte, then his maiestie shuld and woulde: Yet yf suche chaunce shuld happen, hys maiestie at our humble desires is pleased and contented, not alonlie to accepte and take vpon him the cure and charge of the education, rule, order, and gouernement of such issues, as of this moost happye marriage shalbe borne betwene ꝑ queenes highnes and him, but also duryng the time of suche gouernement, wold by all wayes and meanes studye, trauayle, and imploye him selfe to aduaunce the weale, both publique and priuate of this realme, and dominions therevnto belongyng, accordyng to the sayd truste in hys maiestie reposed, wyth no lesse good wyll and affection, then yf hys highnes had bene naturally borne amongest vs.

In consideration whereof be it enacted by the kyng and the queenes most excellent maiesties, by thassent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in thys present Parliamente assembled, and by thauctoritie of the same, that yf it shall so please God, to call the queenes maiestie out of this present lyfe (whiche God forbidde) before the issue of her bodye, inheritable to the crowne of thys realme, yf it be male, shall accomplishe the age of .xviij. yeares, or yf it be female, before it shalbe of the age of .xv. yeares, and not married, after the age of consent, and before the said age of .xv. yeares: That then and immediatly after, and from the decease of our sayd Soueraygne Lady the queene, the kinges maiestie, that nowe is, shal haue the rule, order, education,

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cation and gouernement of the person of suche issue, or issues, and the rule, ordre, and gouernemente, (vnder suche yssue, or yssues) of this realme, and the dominions to the same belongynge, vntyll the same issue, or issues, inheritable to the imperiall crowne of this realme, yf it be male, shall accomplyshe the full age of. xviii. yeares, and yf it be female, vntyll suche yssue female, shall accomplyshe the age of fyftene yeares, or be marryed after thage of consent, and before the sayd age of fyftene yeares, yf the sayd yssue or yssues, and our sayde soueraigne Lorde the kynge, shall so longe lyue together: and that durynge, and by all the tyme of suche gouernement, all, and euerye the pactes, couenauntes, articles, and agreamentes, mentioned and comprysed in the treatises, and acte of parlyament, and euerye of them, made, and concluded, for, & concernyng the honourable marryage, had & consūmate betwene the kynge & the Queenes maiesties, which on the behalfe of his maiestie, bene to be obserued, perfourmed, & kept, shal after the decease of the Queenes maiestie, durynge the tyme of the sayd gouernement, remayne, contynue, and be in as good, and full force, strengthe, and effecte, to all intentes, and purposes, as they were at anye tyme, durynge the sayd marriage, or nowe bene, and as yf they were newly by apte wordes, termes, and sentences, inserted and rehearsed in this present acte, and newely made and enacted, to stande, remayne, contynue, and to be obserued and kept durynge the tyme of the sayde gouernement, and shalbe by his Maiestie, durynge the saide tyme inuiolably obserued, perfourmed, maynteyned, and vpholden, in such sorte, and in as full, large, and ample maner, to all respectes, as they shulde, and ought to be, durynge the tyme of the sayde marryage, or after: and his highnes, and the Quenes mooste excellent maiestie, are pleased and contented, that it be enacted by this present parliament, that nothynge shalbe done, permitted, or assented vnto by his maiestie to the contrary.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that yf any persone or persons, during the time ỹ oure said soueraygne Lord the kynge that nowe is, shall, and ought to haue thordre, rule, education, and gouernement of suche yssue, or yssues, beynge kynge or Quene of this realme, accordyng to the ordre and prouision aforesayde, maliciously, aduisedlye, and dyrectlye, by wrytynge, printinge, ouerte dede, or acte, do compasse, attempte, and goe about to destroye the person of oure sayde Soueraygne Lorde, or to depryue, or remoue his sayde hyghnes, from thordre, rule, education, and gouernement of the same yssue or yssues, beyng kynge or quene of this realme, contrarye to the tenour, entent, and true meanyng of this present Acte: that then euery suche person or persons so offendynge, theyr procurers and abettours, beynge therof lawfully conuicte or attaynted by the lawes of this realme, shalbe demed and adiudged hyghe traytours: And that

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all, and euery ſuche offence and offences, ſhalbe demed and adiudged hyghe treaſon: And the offendour and offendours therein, their procurers, counſaylours, and abettours ſhall incurre the daungers, forfaytures, and penalties of highe treaſon.

And be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforeſayd, that all trials hereafter to be had, awarded, or made, for any treaſon, ſhalbe had, and vſed onely, accordyng to the dewe order, and courſe of the common lawes of this realme, and not otherwyſe: Sauyng to euery perſon and perſons, bodyes polytyke and corporate, their heyres & ſucceſſoures, other then the offendours, and theyr heyres, and ſuche perſon and perſons, as clayme to any of their vſes, al ſuche ryghtes, titles, intereſtes, poſſeſſions, leaſes, rentes, reuertions, offices, and other profyttes, whyche they, or any of them ſhall haue at the daye of the committyng ſuche treaſons, or at any tyme afore, in as large and ample maner, as yf thys acte had neuer bene had nor made.

Prouided alwayes, and be it declared and enacted by thaucthoritie aforeſayd, that conceylement, or keping ſecrete of any high treaſon, be demed and taken onelye, miſpriſion of treaſon, & the offenders therein to forfayte and ſuffer, as in caſes of miſpriſion of treaſon hath heretofore bene vſed. Any thyng aboue mentioned to the contrary notwithſtandyng.

Prouyded alſo, that yf it ſhall fortune hereafter anye of the peares of this realme, to be indicted of any of the offences made treaſon, or miſpriſion of treaſon by thys acte, that then the ſame peare or peares, ſo being indycted, ſhalbe putte to aunſwere vnto euery ſuche endictement, before the hyghe ſteward of England for the tyme being, and to haue hys and their tryall by hys and theyr peares, and to receaue, and haue ſuche lyke iudgement vpon the ſame tryall of his or their peares, or makyng open confeſſion of the ſame offence or offences, as is vſed in other caſes of highe treaſon.

And it is further enacted by thaucthoritie aforeſayd, that no perſon or perſons ſhall in any wyſe be impeched for anye of thoffences aboue ſayd, committed onely by open preachyng, or wordes, onleſſe the offender or offenders be thereof indycted wythin fyxe monethes next after the ſame open preachyng or wordes. Anye thynge conteyned in thys acte to the contrary not wythſtandyng.

Prouyded alwayes, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforeſayde, that vpon the arraygnement of any perſon, whyche hereafter ſhal fortune to be arraygned for any treaſon, mentioned in thys acte, all, and euery ſuch perſon and perſons, or two of them at the leaſt, as ſhal hereafter wryte, declare, confeſſe, or depoſe any thyng or thynges agaynſte the perſon to be arrayned, ſhall, yf they be then lyuyng, and within the realme be brought forth in perſon before the partie arraygned, yf he requyre the ſame, and obiecte, and laye openly in hys hearyng, what

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they, or any of them can agaynst hym, for, or concernyng anye the treasons, contayned in the indictement, wherevpon the partie shalbe so arraygned, onlesse the partie arraygned for any suche treason, shall wyllyngly confesse the same at the tyme of his or their arraygnement.

Prouided neuertheless, and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd, that in all cases of hyghe treason, concernyng coyne curraunte wythin this realme, or for counterfeyting the king or Queenes signet, priuie seale, great seale, or signe manuell, suche maner of tryall, & none other be obserued and kept, as heretofore hath bene vsed by the cõmon lawes of this realme. Any lawe, statute, or any other thyng or thinges to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouyded alwayes, that the councellours, procurers, comforters, and abettours for his or their first offence shal suffer lyke punyshment, penaltie, and forfayture, as is conteyned in thys acte agaynst the principall offendours for their first offence, and none other. And that the counsellours, procurers, comforters, and abbettours for his or their seconde offence shall susteyne lyke punyshment, penaltie, and forfayture, as is conteyned in thys acte agaynst the principall offendour or offendours for their seconde offence, and none other.

¶ An Acte for the punishment of bringing in of counterfeyte coyne of forrayne realmes, beyng curraunt wythin thys realme.

The. xi. Chapiter.

WHERE diuerse and sondrie coynes of gold and siluer of other realmes, not being of the proper coyne of this realme of Englande, and yet by the sufferaunce and consent of the king and Queene our Soueraygne Lord and Ladye, be curraunt in payment within this realme, manye vll disposed persons for theyr owne corrupte lucre and aduauntage, haue nowe of late brought into this realme, from the parties of beyond the sea, great quantitie of forged and counterfeyte moneye, lyke to the sayd coyne of other forreyne realmes, and haue vttered the same here by marchaundising, and otherwise, to diuerse of the subiectes of this realme, to theyr great decreyte, hurte, and dammage, because the sayd vll disposed persons haue perceaued and vnderstanded, that there was not, nor yet is anye sufficient lawe or statute made or prouided for the condigne punishment of the offendours in that behalfe.

WHERFORE be it enacted and established by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that yf any person or persons, after the. xx. daye of Januarye next comminge, shall bryng from the parties of

of beyond the sea into this realme, or into any the dominions of the same, any suche false and counterfeyte coyne or moneye, being curraunt within this realme, as is aforesayd, knowyng the same coyne or moneye to be false and counterfeyte, to thintent to vtter, or make payment wyth the same within thys realme, or any the dominions of the same, by marchaundising, or otherwyse, that all, and euerye suche person or persons so offendyng, as is aforesayd, their counsaylours, procurours, ayders, and abbettors in that behalfe, shalbe demed and iudged to be offendours in highe treason, and shal suffer after lawfull conuiction or atteynder therof, suche paynes of death, losse and forfayture of landes, goodes, and cattelles, as other offendours shall do, in cases of highe treason.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that all, and euery person and persons, that shall at any tyme after the sayde. xx. daye of Januarie, be accused or impeched of any of the offences, conteined and prouided for in thys estatute, or of any other offence or offences, concernynge the impayrynge, counterfeytynge, or forgynge of anye coyne curraunte wythin this realme, shall, and maye be endicted, arreyned, tryed, conuicted, or atteynted by suche lyke euidence, and in such maner and forme, as hath bene vsed and accustomed within thys realme, at anye tyme before the fyrst yeare of the raygne of our late soueraygne lord kyng Edward the sixt. Anye statute, custome, lawe, or vsage to the contrarye thereof in any wyse, notwythstandyng.

¶ An Acte for the impounding of distresses.

The. xij. Chapiter.

FOR the auoydyng of greuous vexations, exactions, troubles, and disorder in takynge of distresses, and impounding of cattell, be it enacted by aucthoritie of thys present Parliament, that from, and after the fyrst daye of Aprill next comming, no distresse of cattell shalbe driuen out of the hūdred, rape, wapentake, or lath, where suche distresse is, or shalbe taken, except it be to a pounde, ouerte within the sayd shire, not aboue three myles distaunt, from the place where the sayd distresse is taken, and that no cattell, or other goodes distreyned, or taken by waye of distresse, for anye maner of cause, at one tyme shalbe impounded in seuerall places, wherby the owner or owners of suche distresse shalbe constrayned to sue seuerall repleuies for the deliuerie of the sayd distresse, so taken at one tyme, vpon payne euery person, offending contrarye to this acte, shall forfayte to the partie greued for euerye suche offence a hundred shillinges, and treble damages.

AND further be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayd, that after the

the sayd first daye of Aprill, no person or persons shall take for kepinge in pounde, impoundyng, or poundage of anye maner of distresse, aboue the somme of foure pence for any one whole distresse, ỹ shalbe so impoũded, and where lesse hath bene vsed, there to take lesse, vpon the payne of fyue poundes to be payed to the partie greued, ouer and besides such moneye as he shall take, aboue the somme of foure pence. Any vsage or prescription to the contrarye in any wyse, notwythstandyng.

AND for the more spedier deliuerye of cattell, taken by waye of distresse, it is further enacted by the sayd auctoritie, that euery Shiriffe of shires, being no cities, nor townes made shires, shal at his firste countie daye, or wythin two monethes nexte, after he hathe receaued his patente of his office of shiriswyke, shall depute, appoynte, and proclayme in the shire towne within his baylywyke, foure deputies at the least, dwellyng not aboue twelue myles, one distaunte from another, whych sayd deputies so appoynted and proclaymed, shall haue auctoritie in the shiriffes name, to make repleuies, and deliueraunce of such distresses, in suche maner and forme, as the shiriffe may, or ought to do, vpon payne that euery Shiriffe, for euerye moneth that he shall lacke suche deputie or deputies, shall forfayte for euerye suche offence fyue poundes, the one halfe of whyche forfaytures shalbe to the kynge and Queenes highnes, her heyres and successours, the other halfe to him that will sue for the same by bil, playnte, informacion, or action of debte, in any the king and Queenes courtes of recorde, in which no essoigne, protection, nor wager of lawe shalbe admitted.

An acte appoyntynge in order to iustices of peace, touchynge the baylement of prysoners.

The. xiii. Chapter.

WHere in the parliament holden at Westminster, in the. iii. yeare of the reygne of the noble Prynce, kynge Henry the seuenth, it was amonge other thinges ordeyned and enacted, that no prysoner arrested for fellonye, shoulde be letten to bayle or mayneprysce, by any one iustice of peace, but by the whole iustices, or at least by two of thē, wherof one to be of the Quorum: Synce the makyng of whiche estatute, one iustice of peace, in the name of hym selfe, and one other of the Justices his compaignion not makyng the sayd Justice partye, nor pryuie vnto the cace, wherefore the prysoner shulde be bayled, hath oftentymes by synister labour, and meanes, set at large the greatest, and notablest offenders, suche as be not repleuisable by the lawes of this realme, and yet the rather to hyde theyr affections in that behalfe, haue signified the cause of theyr apprehension to be but onely for suspition of felony, whereby the

sayde offendours haue escaped vnpunyshed, and do dayly, to the high displeasure of almyghtye God, the great peryll of the kyng and Quenes true subiectes, and encoragement of all theues and euyll doers.

For reformation wherof, be it ordeyned and enacted by the kynge and Quenes maiesties, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that from and after the fyrste day of Aprill next commyng, no Justice, or Justices of peace, shall let to bayle or maynepryce, anye suche person or persones, whiche for any offence or offences, by them, or any of them committed, be declared not to be repleuised or bayled, or be forbydden to be repleued, or bayled, by the estatute of Westmin. prymer, made in the parlyament, holden in the thyrde yeare of the reygne of kynge Edwarde the fyrst. And furthermore, that anye person or persons arrested for manslaughter or felonye, or suspection of manslaughter or felonye, beyng bayleable by the lawe, shall not after the sayde fyrst daye of Aprill, be let to bayle or maynepryce, by anye Justice of peace, yf it be not in open Sessions, except it be by two Justices of peace at the least, wherof one to be of the Quorū, & ỹ same Justices to be present together, at the tyme of the sayd baylement or mainpryce, whiche baylement or maynepryce they shall certifye in writing, subscribed, or signed with theyr owne handes, at the nexte generall gayole delyuerye, to be holden within the countie, where the sayd person or personnes shalbe arrested or suspected. And that the sayde Justices, or one of them, beyng of the Quorum, when any suche prysoner is brought before them for anye manslaughter or fellonye, before anye baylement or maynepryce, shall take the examination of the sayd prysoner, and information of them that bringes hym, of the facte, and circumstaunces therof, and the same, or asmuche therof, as shalbe materiall to proue the felonye, shall putte in wrytynge before they make the same baylement, whiche sayde examination together, with the sayde baylement, the sayde Justices shall certifie at the nexte generall gaole delyuerie, to be holden within the limittes of theyr commyssion, and that euery Coroner, vpon any inquisition before hym founde, whereby any person or persons shalbe indicted for murdre, or mãslaughter, or as accessary, or accessaries to the same, before the murdre or manslaughter committed, shall put in wrytynge the effect of the euidence, geuen to the Jurye before hym, beyng materiall, and aswell the sayde Justices, as the sayde Coroner shall haue auctoritie by this acte, to bynde all such by recognisaunce, or obligatiõ, as do declare any thinge materiall, to proue the sayd murdre or manslaughter, offences, or felonies, or to be accessary, or accessaries to the same, as is aforesayde, to appeare at the next generall gaole delyuerye, to be holden within the Countie, citie, or towne corporate, where the tryall therof shalbe, then and there to geue euidence agaynst the partye so indicted, at the tyme

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of his tryall, and shall certifye aswell the same euydence, as such bonde and bondes in wryting, as he shall take together, with the inquisition, or indictment before hym taken and founde, at, or before the tyme of his sayd tryall therof, to be had or made. And lyke wyse, the sayd Justices shall certifye all and euerye suche bonde, taken before them, in lyke maner as before is sayde of baylementes and examination. And in case any iustice of peace, or Quorum, or Cozoner, shall after the sayde fyrst day of Apryll, offende in any thinge contrary to the true intente, and meanyng of this present acte: That then the Justices of gaole delyuerye, of the Shyre citie, towne, or place, where suche offence shall happen to be cõmitted, vpon due proofe therof, by examinacion before them shall for euery suche offence, set suche fyne on euerye of the same Justices of peace, and Cozoner, as the same Justices of goale deliuery shall thynke mete, and shall estrete the same as other fynes and amerciamentes assessed before Justices of goale delyuery ought to be.

Prouided alwayes, and be it further enacted by thauctoritie afore sayd, that Justices of peace, and Cozoners within the citie of London and the countie of Middelsex, and in other cities, Boroughes, & townes corporate within this realme, and Wales, shall within theyr seuerall iurisdictions, haue auctorities to let to Bayle, fellons and prysoners, in such maner and foureme as they haue bene heretofore accustomed, this acte or any thinge therin conteyned, to the contrarye notwithstandinge. And also shall take examinations, and bondes, as is aforesayd, vpon euery baylement by them or anye of them to be made, and shall certifie euery suche baylementes, bondes, and examinations by them or any of them, taken or made at the next Goale delyuery to be holden within the Shyre, citie, borough, or towne, where theyr seuerall Jurisdictions extendeth, vpon lyke payne and forfayture, as is before lymitted in this present Acte.

And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that no writtes of *Habeas corpus*, or *Certiorary*, shalbe hereafter graunted, to remoue anye Prysonner oute of anye Goale, or to remoue anye recognisaunce, excepte the same wryttes be signed with the proper handes of the chiefe Justice, or in his absence, one of the Justices of the courte, out of whiche the same wryttes shalbe awarded, or made, vpon payne that he that wryteth any suche wryttes, not beyng signed, as is aforesayd, to forfayt to our sayd Soueraygne Lorde the kynge and the Quene, for euery suche wrytte and wryttes, fyue poundes.

¶ An acte for the makyng of russels sattens, sattens reuerses, and fustian of Naples in Norwiche.

The. xliii. Chapter.

Where of late yeares passed Russelles called Russelles Sattens, and Sattens reuerses, haue bene practysed to be made beyonde the seas of the wolles, bredde in the countie of Norfolke, and by reason thereof so great quantitie of the sayd Russels Sattens, and Sattens Reuerses, haue bene brought into thys realme, solde and worne aswel in euery part of this realme, as in the partes beyond the seas, that thereby the mysteries of Worstedes makyng, and weuyng, wherby marchauntes, and inhabitauntes of the citie of Norwiche, haue heretofore bene well maynteyned and releued, is nowe at this present almoost wholy decayed and broughte oute of estimation, and very lytle worne, eyther wythin this realme, or in anye other forreyne realmes, to the great hinderaunce, and decaye of the sayd citie, and citezins of the same citie. For remedye whereof Thomas Marsham Maiour of the citie of Norwyche, John Corbet Esquier, Justen Stewarde, Robert Leche, Robert Rugge, John Ball, and Alexander Mather Aldermen of the sayd citie. Thomas Whall, Thomas Pecke, Raphe Marsham, Robert Henry, John Sutton, Richarde Comlon, citezins, & marchauntes of the sayd citie, at their great costes and charges, aswel in bringing of certeyne straungers from the partes beyonde the seas into the sayd citie, as also in makyng of Lombes, and all other prouision for the same, and also haue called vnto them eyghte persons of the moost discrete and worthie men of the misterie of Worstede weuyng, wythin the sayd citie, that is to saye, John Cooke, James Lyn, John Crosse, Simon Petyt, John Marshal, Roger Lecke, Edmonde Barker, and Edmonde Selers, beyng the nombre of .xvi. persons, whyche haue not onelye made Russels Sattens, & Sattens Reuerses, and fustian of Naples wythin the sayd citie of Norwiche of Norfolke wolles, but also haue learned and taught other cytezins and inhabitauntes of the sayd citie to make the same, in suche good and perfect maner, that muche better Russels Sattens, Sattens reuerses, and fustian of Naples, and suche lyke, and for easier prices, be nowe at thys present wrought and made wythin the sayd citie, then heretofore hathe bene, or nowe be made in anye of the parties beyonde the seas, wherby the sayd citie, and inhabitauntes thereof, may, and be lyke agayne to be releued and brought to their olde estate, to the greate aduauncement of the commodities of thys realme, and enrychyng the same, yf some good and polytyke lawes and ordinaunces were made for the good continuaunce of the true makyng of the sayde Russelles Sattens, Sattens Reuerses, and fustian of Naples, and suche lyke.

In consideration whereof be it enacted by the assente of the kynge and queenes hyghnes, the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons of thys present Parliament assembled, and by thauctorite

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of the same, that the sayd russels sattens, and sattens reuerses, and fustian of Naples, hereafter to be made onely wythin the sayd citie, may from henceforth beare the name, and be called by the name of Norwiche sattens, and Norwiche fustians, and that the Maior, and the afore mentioned citezins of the same citie, whych before this time hathe bene at the costes and charges of the bryngyng of the sayd straungers into the same citie, for the making of the sayd russels sattens, sattens reuerses, and fustians of Naples, and suche the afore mentioned eyghte persons, that they haue called vnto them, shalbe a felowshyp of thē selfes, and shall yearely the thyrd daye of Februarye choose of their felowes foure wardeynes wythin the Guylde hall of the sayde citie, or anye other common and conuenient place in the same citie, & the same wardeynes so beyng choosen, shall stande, and be wardeines of the same felowship, during one whole yeare, next ensuing the said election, & that the same wardeynes after the sayd election, shal come before the Maior of the sayd citie for the tyme being, yearely the mondaye next after the sayd thyrde daye of Februarye, and before the sayde Maior shalbe sworne diligently, to viewe, searche, and see all the russels sattens, sattens reuerses, and fustian of Naples, then made, or that shalbe made wythin the sayd citie, duryng the sayd yeare. And suche of the sayde russels sattens, sattens reuerses, & fustian of Naples, as shall appeare, and be deemed by them to be lawfully, truely, & workemanly wrought, shal seale wyth a seale of leade, bearyng the armes of the citie of Norwiche, wherby it may be knowen to the marchaunt, or buyer of them, that the same be allowed and truely made.

And that also it may be enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the sayd wardeynes and felowshyp shalbe a body corporate, and to be named, and be inabled by this acte to sue, and be sued, and to gyue, and to take by the name of wardeynes, and felowshyppe of the mysterye of russels sattens, sattens reuerses, and fustian of Norwiche, makyng wythin the sayd citie of Norwiche. And yf anye default at anye tyme shalbe founde in any of the sayd russels sattens, sattens reuerses, & fustian of Norwiche, or in any of them by the sayde wardeynes, that the same default shalbe reformed, and the offendour or offendours therin to be punished, according to such rules and ordinaunces, as hereafter frō time to time shalbe made within ỹ said citie by the Maior of the sayde citie for the tyme beynge, and by the sayde foure wardeynes, and the felowshyppe of the sayde occupation or mysterye, or the greateste nombre of the sayde felowshyppe, for, and concernynge the same, and that the same defaultes from tyme to time, as occasion shal serue, shalbe enquired of, & tried before the Maior of the sayde citie of Norwyche for the tyme beynge, by the othes of twelue honeste menne of the forsayde felowshyppe. And that the sayde foure wardeynes so choosen and sworne, shall haue full power & auctoritie, to do, execute,

presente, and reformme, all, and singuler thyng and thynges, of, for, and concernyng the sayd mysterye, makyng, workyng, and occupying of the sayd russels sattens, sattens reuerses, & fustian of Norwiche with in the sayd citie, in suche maner and fourme, as in, or by the sayd ordynaunces shalbe expressed and declared, and that at al tymes hereafter, and from tyme to tyme, it shalbe lawfull to the Maiour of the said citie for the tyme beyng, and to the beforenamed felowship and wardeynes of the same mysterye, and the more part of them, & to their successours, to make and ordeyne from tyme to tyme, rules, lawes, & ordinaunces, mete and necessary for the good ordre & gouernaunce of the sayd mysterye, and for the true and wel makyng of the sayd russels sattens, sattens reuerses, and fustian of Norwiche, and the same ordinaunces so made, to be at al times obeyed by al thinhabitaunce of the sayd citie, or suburbes of the same, & to be put in due execution by ỹ sayd Maiour & wardeynes, and their successours for the time being, in such maner and forme, as by the same ordinaunce shalbe ordeined & declared. And that suche as nowe be, & that hereafter shalbe makers of the sayd russels sattens, sattens reuerses, & fustian of Norwiche, & euery of them within the sayd citie, shal not from henceforth occuppe ỹ sayd mysterye, & makyng of the sayd russels sattens, sattens reuerses, & fustian of Norwiche, nor of any of them wythin the sayd citie, by thẽ selfes, or by any other, before he or they so occupying the sayd mysterye wythin the sayd citie, be made free of the sayd citie, and admitted to be of the sayd felowshyp by the Maior of the sayd citie, & wardeynes, and felowshyp of the said mysterie for the time being. And that no person do occupie by him selfe, or any other for hym out of the sayd citie, the sayd mystery of making of russels sattens, sattens reuerses, and fustians of Naples, or of any of them, before he or they so occupying the same, haue bene prentice to the sayd mysterye by the terme of seuen yeares, or els admytted by the sayd Maior & felowshyp, or the more part of them, vpon payne of forfayture of ỹ same russels sattens, sattens reuerses, & fustian of Norwiche by thẽ, or any of thẽ to be made contrary to ỹ forme of this acte.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that the sayd Maior and wardeynes for the time being, shall not take anye somme of moneye, or reward to their owne proper vses, for the admytting of any person or persons to occupie the sayd mysterie, vpon payne of forfayture of treble the value of the reward, or somme of moneye, so by them or any of them to be taken.

Prouided also, that it shalbe lawful to the sayd wardeynes, and to euery of them for the time being, by al wayes & meanes, and at all lawful times, diligently from time to time, to make searche by dewe & ordinary wayes, for al maner of the sayd russels sattens, sattens reuerses, and fustian of Norwiche, that shal happen to be founde by them defectyue, for lacke of good and true workemanship. And that it shalbe lawfull

full to the sayd wardeynes, & euery of them for the time being, by vertue of this acte, to sease, & take the sayde russels sattens, sattens reuerses, & fustian, & bringe and present the same clothes so sealed and taken, to the Maior of ỹ said citie for the time being, & vnto his successors, to thintent that twelue honest, lawfull, and expert men of the said mysterie & felowship being sworne before the sayd Maior, may by vertue of their othes, make enquirie, and presente the maner of the sayd defaultes before the sayd Maior for the time being, according to suche good & holsome ordinaunces and rules, as shalbe ordeyned and made for the conseruation & good continuaunce of the sayd occupation and mysterye, & the true making, & working of the sayde russelles sattens, sattens reuerses, & fustians of Norwyche. And that all, & euery person and persons, that shall occupie, vse, & exercise the sayd mysterie, or making of the said russels sattens, sattens reuerses, & fustians of Norwiche, or any of them, contrary to the forme, tenoure, playne meaning, & intent of this acte, and of the rules and ordinaunces, that at anye time hereafter by auctoritie of this acte shalbe ordeined & made for the continuaunce of the true & perfect making of the sayd russels sattens, sattens reuerses, & fustian of Norwyche, shall forfayte and loose for euery tyme so offending, or making any russels sattens, sattens reuerses, & fustyan of Norwiche, contrary to the meanyng, tenoure, & effect of the sayd acte, rules, and ordinaunces, concernyng the same, suche fynes, amerciamentes, & paynes, as shalbe adiudged, assessed, and affered by twelue expert men of the sayd felowshippe vpon their othes, the same twelue persons to be sworne before the sayde Maior & wardeynes to enquire & make true veredicte, & presentmente of suche defaultes, the one halfe of al which forfayture to be to ỹ Maior of the sayde citie for ỹ time being, & his successors, and thother moytie to the said wardeynes for the time being, & their successors, by action of dette, bill, playnte, or information in any court of record, in which action, bil, playnte, or information no wager of lawe, protection, iniunction, or forren Plee, shalbe allowed. And in case it shall fortune hereafter, ỹ any of the sayd russels sattens, sattens reuerses, & fustian of Norwiche shal lacke of such lengthes & bredthes, or of the true & insuing, making, or sorting of ỹ yarne, as shalbe appoynted, & set forth by the sayd rules & ordinaunces, and the same so to be found defective by verdicte of twelue men of the sayd felowship before the said Maior & wardeines, & their successors: That then the sayd russels sattens, sattens reuerses, & fustians of Naples, & euery of them so found defective, to be cutte in two peeces, & to paye suche fine or fines, as shalbe affered & assessed by ỹ sayd twelue experte men, by vertue of their othes, ỹ one moytie of which fyne or fines to be to the Maior of the sayd citie for the tyme beyng, & to his successors, and thother moytie to the wardeynes of the sayd felowshyp for the tyme beyng, and to their successours.

Prouided alwayes, and be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd, that yf any wardeyne or wardeines for the time being, of ẏ sayd mysterye or occupation of making of russels sattens, sattens reuerses, & fustian of Naples, shal at anye time hereafter seale, or cause to be sealed any russels sattens, sattens reuerses, or fustians of Naples, ẏ shall not be wel, sufficient, and truely wrought, and made, accordyng to the true intent, and meanyng of thys presente acte, shall forfayte and loose for euery peece so sealed, beyng not wel, sufficient, and truely wrought and made, the whole value of euerye suche peece so sealed, thone halfe of whiche forfaytures to be to the kyng and Queenes maiesties, her heyres and successours, and thother moytie thereof to be to suche person and persons, as shall sue for the same by byll, action, or information, in any of the kinges courtes of record, in which bill, action, or information, no essoygne, protection, or wager of lawe shalbe allowed.

¶ An act to confyrme the liberties of the Lord Marchers in Wales. ¶ The. xv. Chapter.

HUmbly besechen your excellent maiesties, your true & faythfull Subiectes, the Lordes marchers both spiritual and temporal, within youre highnes dominion of Wales, that where as in a parliament holden at West. the. xxvii. yeare of the reigne of kyng Henry theyght, father vnto you oure naturall Soueraygne Lady, amonges other thinges, one Acte was made & establyshed for lawes & iustice to be ministred in the sayd dominion of Wales, in lyke forme as it is in this realme of England, in the which act, one article is, that for that the lordes Marchers before ẏ parliament, had vsed to put theyr tenauntes within their lordshippes Marchers, vnder common main pryce & suertie of apparaunce, and haue had the forfeytures thereof, which for euer, from, & after the feast of all saynctes, then next ensuing the sayd parliament, shuld vtterlye cease, and be determined: It was enacted, that after the sayde feast of all saynctes, euery lay, & temporal person, then being a lorde marcher, shulde haue the moytie or halfe of euery forfeiture, of al, and euery common maynprice, recognizance for the peace or apparance, forfeited by any of theyr tenauntes, inhabiting within any of theyr lorshippes Marchers, & they to be payed the same moytie or half, by the handes of the Sherif of euerye of the counties where such forfeiture shalbe (yf the shirif can leuye the same) and the same Shirif to accompte to our sayd late Soueraygne lord the king, for the other half or moytie, in such excheaker, as they be accomptant.

And further it was enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayd, that all, and euery lay, & temporal person or persons, then being lordes marchers, and hauing any lorshippes marchers, or lorshippes royals, shuld from, and after the sayd feast of al sainctes, haue al suche myses and profites

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of their tenauntes, as they haue had, or vsed to haue, at the fyrst entry into their landes in times past. And also shuld haue, hold, & kepe, with in the precinct of theyr lordshyppes, courtes baron, courtes lete, and lawdayes, and al and euery thinge to the sayd courtes belonging, and also should haue within the precinct of theyr sayd lordships, or lawday wayf, strayf, infangethefe, outfangethefe, treasure trouie, deodandes, goodes, and cattels of fellons, & of persons condempned, or outlawed of fellonie or murther, put in exigent for fellony or murther, and also wrecke de mer, wharfage, and customes of straungers, as they haue had in time past, as though such priuileges were graunted vnto them by poynt of charter, any thing in that acte to the contrarye notwithstanding, as in ꝑ sayd act of parliament more at large it may appeare.

And forasmuch as Byshops, and other ecclesiasticall persons, being lordes marchers, hauing the like liberties, casualties, profittes, & commodities within their lordships marchers, and lordships royall, within the sayd dominion, or principalitie of Wales, were not prouided for, by the expresse letter of the sayd Statute, in lyke sort as the laye and temporall lordes marchers were: but rather of purpose, as it shoulde seme, forgotten, and left out of the sayde Acte, agaynst all reason, and good equitie: And forasmuch also, as the heyres and successours of the lay and temporal lordes marchers, then being, were not prouided for, by the limitation, and expresse wordes of the sayd acte, aswell as theyr auncesters, & predecessers were, as reason wold they shuld haue bene:

It may please your maiesties of your mooste gratious fauoure and benignitie, at the humble suit, and supplication of your sayde faythfull subiectes, the lordes marchers that now are, in the sayd dominion of Wales, both spiritual and temporal, to graunt, that it may by thassent of the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, be ordeyned, establyshed, and enacted, by thauctoritie of this present parliamēt, that aswel your said spiritual, & ecclesiasticall subiectes, lordes marchers, now hauing lordshyppes marchers, or lordshyps royall in Wales aforesayd, and their successours, & the successours of euery of them: as also the heyres and successours of the lordes temporall marchers, that then were, or now be, and the heyres and successours of euery of them, being, or which hereafter shal be, lordes marchers, within theyr lordshyps marchers, and lordshyps royals, in the dominion, or principalitie of Wales, shall haue, and enioy to them, & to their heyres, & successors, respectiuely, and seuerally for euer, the moytie & halfe of euery forfayture, of al & euery cōmon mainprice, recognizāce for the peace, or apparance forfeited by any of theyr tenātes, inhabiting wthin any of their lordships marchers, or lordships royall, & they to be payed the same moytie or half, by the handes of the shyryf of the countie, for the tyme being, after such fourme & sorte, as the said laye or temporal lordes marchers haue bene, or ought to haue

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bene payed the same, by force of the sayd Statute.
And further, shall haue al such miles, & profyts of theyr tenauntes, as the lordes marchers, spiritual or temporall, respectiuely, or seuerally had, or vsed to haue at theyr first entry into their landes in times past, before the making of the sayd act or statute. And also shal haue, hold, & kepe, within the precinct of theyr sayd lordships, al such courtes baron courtes lete, & lawdayes, & al and euery thinge and thinges, to ỹ same courtes belonging, and also shal haue within ỹ precinct of theyr saide seuerall lordships, or lawdayes, al suche wayf, strayf, infangthefe, outfangthefe, treasure trouues, deodandes, goodes, & cattels of fellons, & of persons condempned or outlawed of fellony or murther, put in exigent for fellony or murther, and also all suche wrecke de mer, wharfage, and customes of straungers, as the lordes marchers, spirituall and temporall, respectiuely, and seuerally had and vsed in tymes past, before the makynge of the sayd Statute.

¶ An acte for the continuaunce of certayne statutes. Cap. xbi.

WHere in the parliament begonne and holden at London ỹ iii. day of Nouember, in the .xxi. yeare of the reigne of our moste dread souereygne lord of most famous memory, king Henry theyghte, & from thence adiourned to Westm. and there holden, & continued by diuers prorogations, vnto ỹ dissolution therof, one acte was made and established, for the restraint of cariage, & conueying of horses, and mares out of this realme, & also one other acte was there made, for the true wyndinge of wolles, and one other act was there made, to restrayn kyllyng of waynelings, bullockes, stiers, & heyfers, beyng vnder thage of .ii. yeares, whiche sayd seueral actes were then made to endure & continue to the next parliament, as by the sayd seueral actes more playnly apeareth. And where also in the same parliament, one other acte was made & established, for attaintes to be sued, for the punishment of periury, vpon vntrue verdictes, which actes last before rehearsed, were then made & ordeined, to continue & endure to ỹ last day of the next parliament, as by ỹ same act more plainly at large is shewed & may appeare. And where also in the parliament begon & holden at Westm. theyght day of June, in the xxviii. yeare of the reygne of our said most dread souereygne lord, king Henry theight, & there continued and kept, vntil the dissolutiõ therof, it was ordeined & enacted, that all & singuler the sayd actes aboue remembred, & euery of them, shuld continue & endure in theyr force and strength, & also be obserued & kept vntill the laste day of the next parliament, as by the same acte amonges other thinges therin conteyned more playnly appeareth. And where also in the parliament begon and holden at Westm. the, xxviii. day of Apryl, in the .xxxi. yeare of ỹ reign of our sayd late most dread souerayne Lorde, kyng Henry theyght, &

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there continued vntyl the.xxviij. daye of June then next folowing, it was ordeyned and enacted by thauctoritie of ỹ same parliament, ỹ all, & singuler the sayd seueral actes aboue remembred, & euery of them, & al clauses, articles, & prouisions in them, & euerye of them conteined, shuld continue & endure in theyr force & strength, & also be obserued & kept, vntyl the last day of the next parliamente, as by the same acte amonges other thinges therein conteyned, more playnlye appeareth. And where in the parliament holden at Westm. in the.xxxv. yeare of the reygne of our sayd late souereigne lord king Henrye theyght, one act was made for the preseruatiō of woodes, to endure for.vii. yeares then next folowing, & from thence to thende of the next parliamēt, as by the same act more playnly doth, & may appeare. And where also at the parliament holden at Westm. in the.xxxvii. yeare of the reigne of ỹ said king Henry theight, & there continued & kept vntill the dissolutiō therof, it was ordeined & enacted, ỹ all, & singuler the sayd actes aboue mentioned, & euery of them, except the said act made for the preseruation of woods, as is aforesaid, shuld continue & endure in theyr force & strength, & also to be obserued & kept, vntil the last day of the next parliament thē folowing, as by the same act amonges other thinges therin conteined more playnly appeareth. And where also at the session of the parliament, ended at Westm. the.xiiij. daye of Marche, in the.iij. yeare of the reygne of our late souereigne Lorde king Edward ỹ.vi. one acte was made for the true courryinge of leather, whiche act was made to endure to thende of the next parliament, as by the same acte more playnlye appeareth. And where also at the Session of a parliament, ended at Westm. the fyrst daye of Februarye, in the fourth yeare of the reygne of our sayd late soueraigne Lord kyng Edward the.vi. one acte was then & there made, concerning the buying of rother beastes. And also one other act was then & there made, touching the buying & selling of butter & chese, which sayd seueral actes were then and there made, to endure & continue, to thende of the next parliamente, as by the same seuerall actes more at large it doth and may appeare. And where also at the session of a parliament by prorogation holden at Westm. the.xxiij. day of January, in ỹ.v. year of the reygne of our said soueraigne Lord, one other Acte was then and there made, agaynste regratours & forstallers, to endure to thende of the next parliamente, which al & singuler the sayd actes aboue mentioned together, wt the said act concerning the preseruation of woodes, at a parliament holdē at Westm. the fyrst day of Marche, in the.vii. yeare of the reygne of our sayd soueraygne Lorde kinge Edward the.vi. & there continued and dissolued the last day of the same moneth of March, and all clauses articles, & prouisions in thē, & euery of them conteined, were there reuiued & continued, to stand in theyr force & strength, vntyl the last day of the next parliament. And where also at the session of a parliamente

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holden by prorogation at Weſt. the. xxiiij. day of October, in the. j. yeare of the raygne of our moſt gratious ſoueraigne ladie the queene, & there continued & kept vntil the diſſolutiõ therof, one act was there made & eſtabliſhed agaynſt vnlawful & rebellious aſſẽbles, to endure to the ende of the next parliamẽt, as by the ſame act more plainly doth, & may apeare. And where alſo at the ſame ſeſſion of parliamẽt, laſt before mentioned, al & ſinguler the actes aboue mentioned, & before that time cõtinued at ſondrie parliamentes, as is aforeſayd, & al clauſes, articles, & prouiſions in them, & euery of thẽ conteined, were there reuiued, and continued to ſtand in their force & ſtrength, vnto the laſt day of the next parliamẽt.

Foraſmuch as al, & ſinguler the ſayd ſeueral actes aboue mentioned, be good & beneficiall for the cõmon welthe of this realme: Be it therfore enacted, ordeined, & eſtabliſhed by the king & queene our ſoueraigne lord & ladie, with thaſſent of the lordes ſpirituall and tẽporall, & the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, & by thauctoritie of the ſame, that al, & ſinguler the ſaid ſeueral actes and eſtatutes aboue mentioned, & rehearſed, & euery of thẽ, and al clauſes, articles, & prouiſions in them, & euery of thẽ conteyned, ſhalbe reuiued, continued, ſtande, & endure in their force & ſtrengthe, to al intentes, conſtructions, & purpoſes, & ſhal be obſerued, & kept in al thinges, vntil the laſt day of the next parliament.

An acte touchinge leaſſes, hereafter to be made by certayne ſpirituall perſons. Cap. xvij.

Where in the parliament begon & holden at Weſtm. the eyghte daye of June, in the. xxviij. yeare of the raigne of our late kyng of famous memorie Henry theight, & there cõtinued & kept vntil the diſſolution of the ſame parliamẽt, the. xviij. daye of Julie then next folowing, one acte intituled: an act for reſtitution of firſt fruites in the time of vacation, to the next incũbente, was had & made, wherin are certeine clauſes for leaſes then made, & to be made by ſpirituall & eccleſiaſtical perſons, to endure, & be in force for terme of. vj. yeares, yf the incũbentes did reſigne their ſaid ſpirituall promotions, or yf the ſame ſhuld otherwiſe become voide by thonlie acte of the ſame thincũbentes, as by the ſame act more at large maye appeare. To thintente the perſons, and vicars, and others, hauing cure of ſoules, may the better attende, and be the more vigilaunt in their miniſterie and function:

Be it enacted by the king oue ſoueraigne lord, & the queene oure ſoueraigne ladie, with thaſſentes of the lordes ſpirituall & tẽporal, & the cõmons in this preſent parliamẽt aſſembled, & by thauctoritie of the ſame, that al much of the ſame act, as doth cõcerne the making good of the ſaid leaſes, ne any clauſe, ſentence, prouiſion, or article therin cõteined, ſhal extend, or be conſtrued, or adiudged to extend to any leaſe, that ſhalbe made by any perſon, vicar, or any other hauing any ſpirituall promotiõ, after the feaſte of the purification of our Ladie next comming.

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